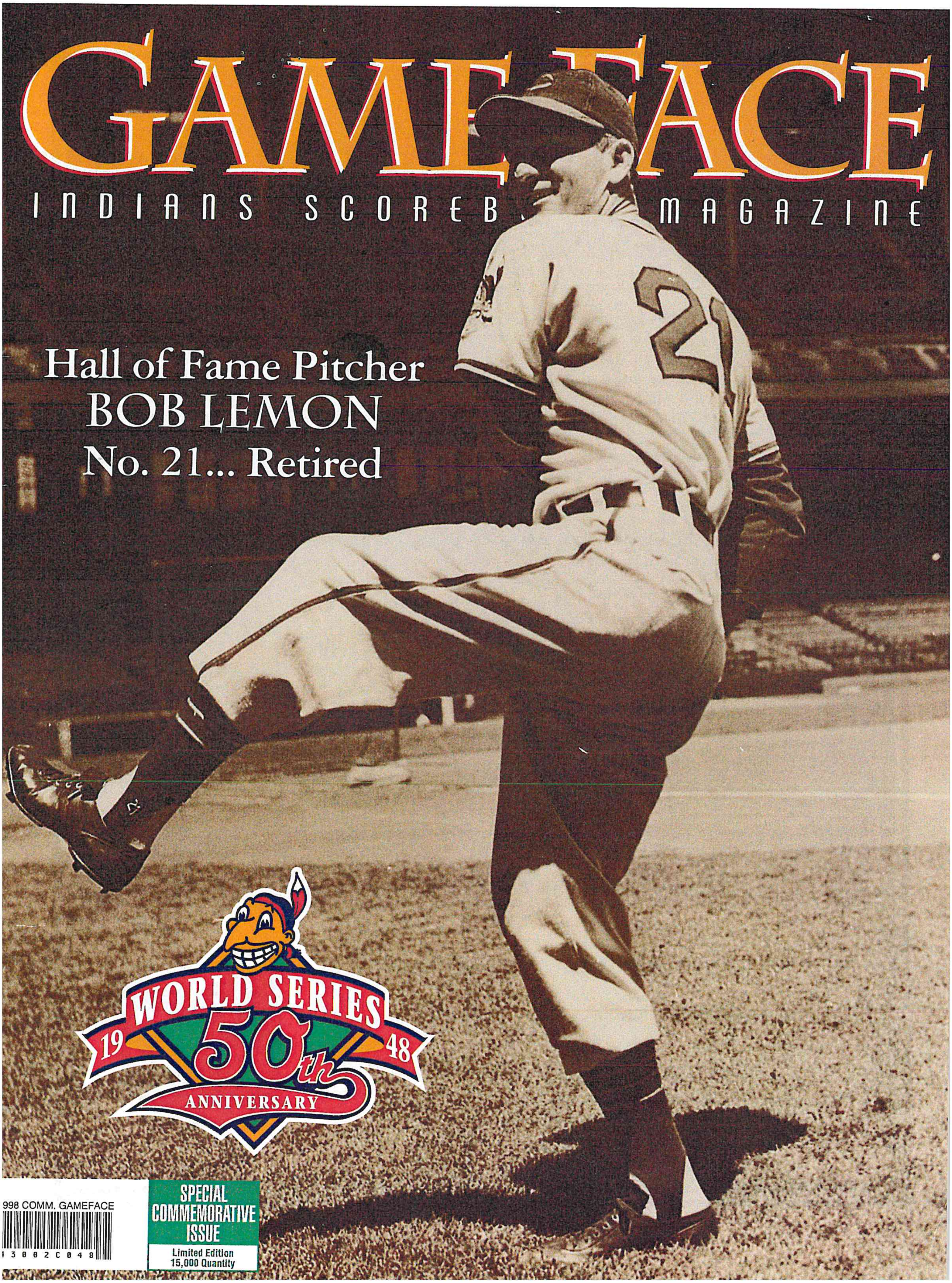
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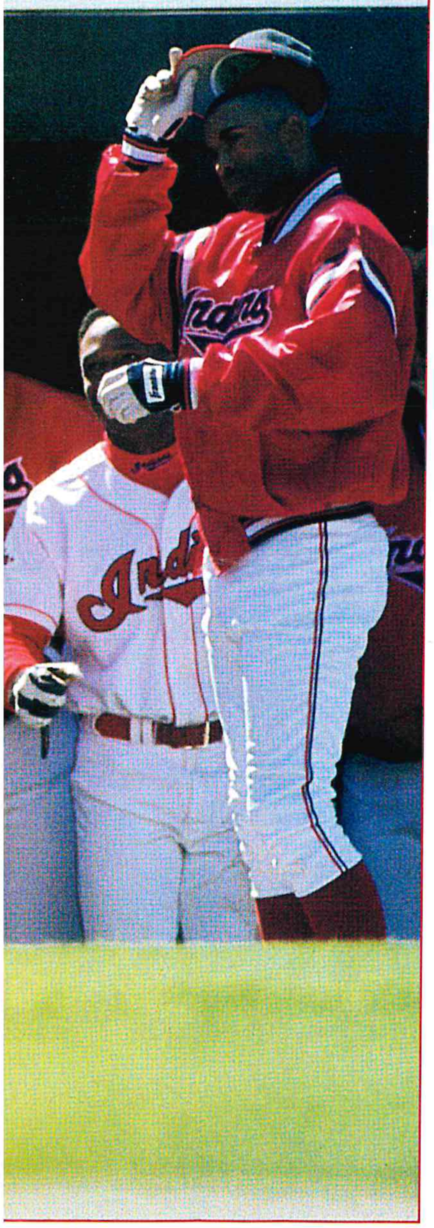
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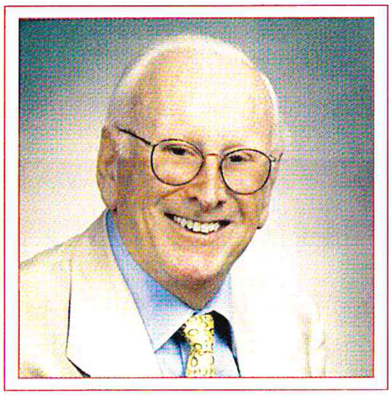
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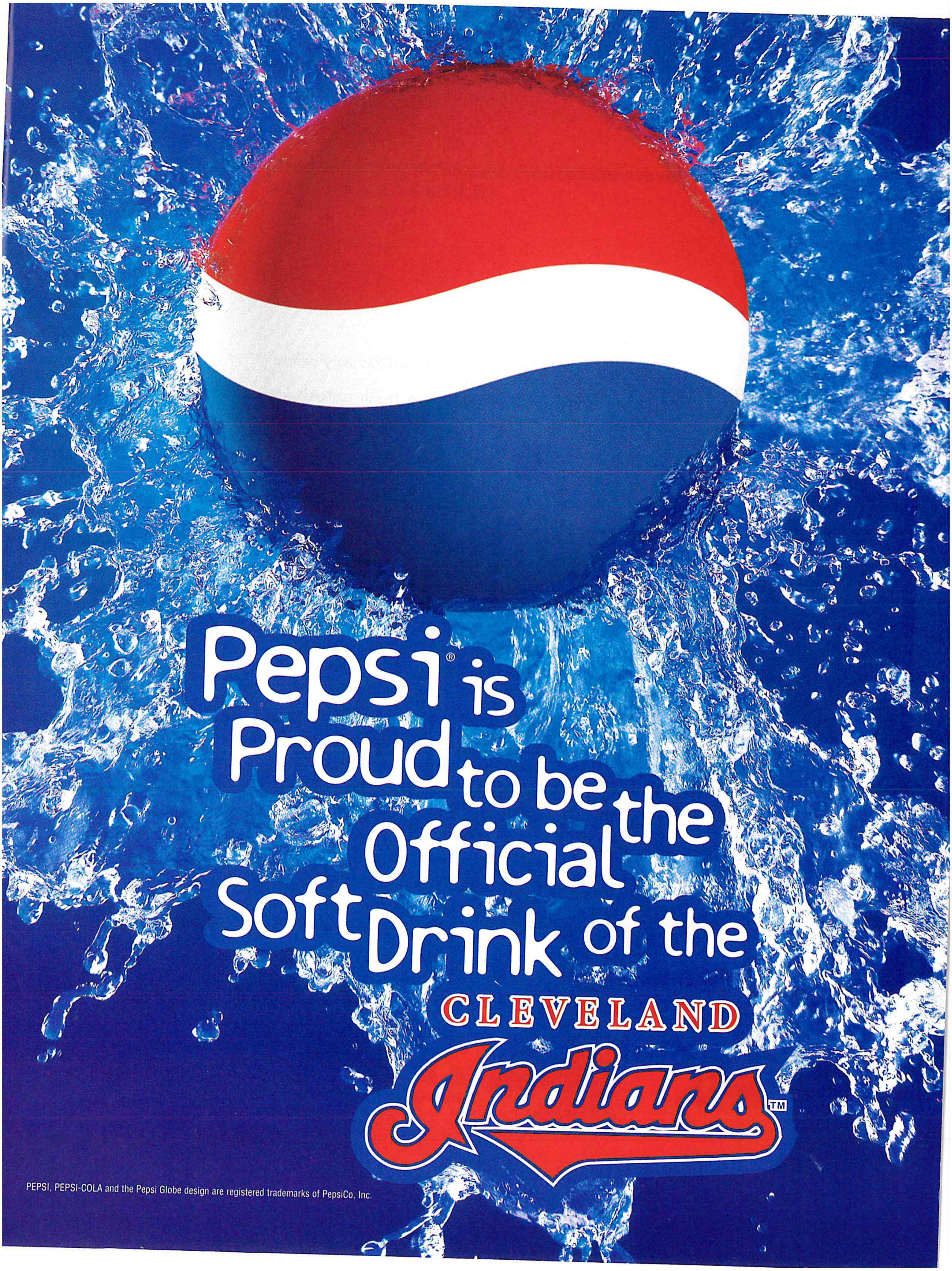
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PITTSBURGH PIRATES

By Joe Rutter

Cleveland Indians fans may have heard this story before.

A hard-working baseball team in a tough rust-belt town makes radical changes in an attempt to restore a winning tradition to the franchise. Young players are pulled from the Minor Leagues and given invaluable on-the-job training. Management secures several of these players to long-term contracts in a dual effort to control costs and build stability for the future. Ownership works feverishly to secure funding for a state-of-the-art ballpark that will boost attendance and provide much-needed revenue streams.

Sound familiar, Indians fans?

It should. The Pittsburgh Pirates are implementing virtually the same plan the Tribe put into place earlier this decade.

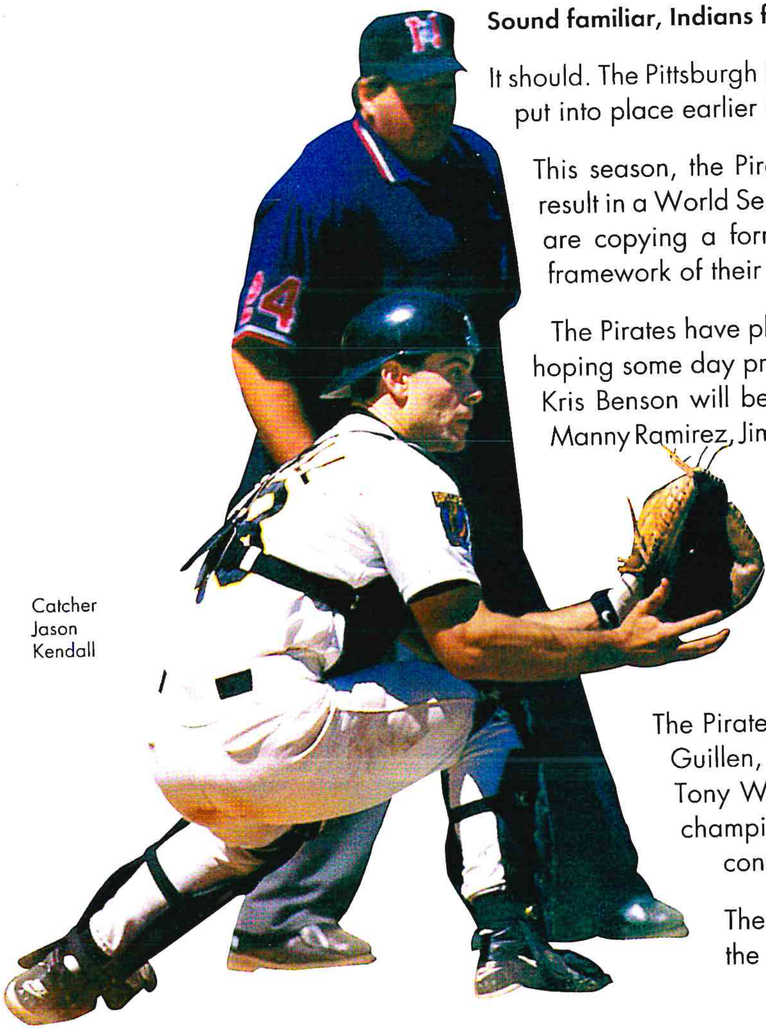
This season, the Pirates are in Phase II of a five-year foray they hope will result in a World Series appearance by 2001. To accomplish this, the Pirates are copying a formula the Indians used in the early 1990s to form the framework of their two World Series-bound teams.

The Pirates have placed an emphasis on player development and scouting, hoping some day prospects such as Aramis Ramirez, Chad Hermansen, and Kris Benson will become household names like former Indians farmhand's Manny Ramirez, Jim Thome, and Jaret Wright.

General manager Cam Bonifay also spent the past year signing 10 of the team's core players to long-term contracts. This list includes catcher Jason Kendall, left-fielder Al Martin, and pitchers Francisco Cordova and Jason Schmidt. These four players have deals extending beyond the 1999 season.

The Pirates are hoping this nucleus, in addition to rightfielder Jose Guillen, centerfielder Jermaine Allensworth, second baseman Tony Womack, and closer Rich Loiselle, will form the basis of a championship team when a proposed baseball-only facility is constructed on the city's North Shore.

The timetable for such a project is 2001, the final season of the five-year plan.



Catcher Jason Kendall

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The stadium is the most crucial part of the puzzle. It looked dead when voters in 11 counties squashed a tax referendum in November that would have provided funding for many projects, including separate playing facilities for the Pirates and Steelers.

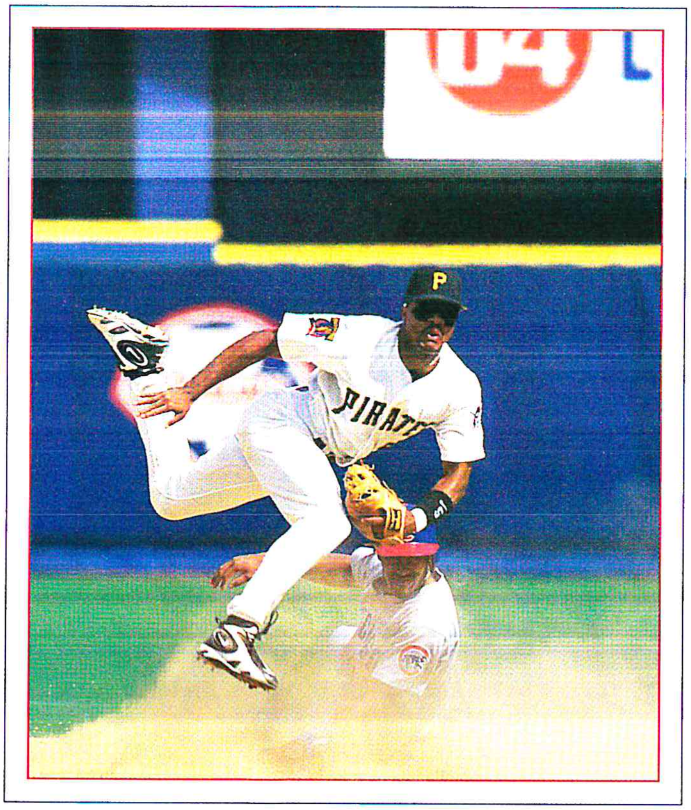
That backlash had fans wondering if owner Kevin McClatchy, who purchased the team in 1996, would trigger an option in February giving him the power to sell the team. However, an alternate stadium plan was constructed — conveniently called Plan B — providing the first step toward securing a cozy, baseball-only park.

"A new stadium has to come to pass if this is ever going to work in the scope of where we want our five-year plan to be," Bonifay said. "That has to happen, there's no getting around it, or we won't get there. If we don't get a stadium, we'll touch on the verge of getting to where we want to be, but we'll never get there, not fully.

"What a new stadium means is that year-in, year-out, we're able to control our payroll and field a very solid contending Major League team."

The boldest step in the rebuilding process occurred in 1996.

After watching the Pirates labor in fifth place for the third time in four seasons, Bonifay finished gutting the team's nucleus shortly after the conclusion of the season.



Speedy second baseman Tony Womack

Veteran mainstays such as Jay Bell, Jeff King, Orlando Merced, and Carlos Garcia were traded for a bevy of prospects. They joined Denny Neagle, Dave Clark, Charlie Hayes, and Danny Darwin — all dealt late in the season — as ex-Pirates.

In return, Bonifay acquired 17 prospects, strengthening what already was a robust Minor League system. "The new ownership group was in place, we had hit the bottom and needed to start moving up again," Bonifay said. "We had tried to hold our head above water, so to speak, and we were not able to do it. We tried to hold onto the players who were with us in the early '90s and add little bits and pieces to a team that really never had any major stars.

"King, Bell, Merced, and Garcia were very good players for us, but we never had any impact-guys to add into that mix. We were not able to turn the corner at that time.

"We made a bold step, no question about it. We traded away so many players I lost count. But, looking back, it was just another thing we had to do. Not a whole lot of people have done what we've done the past few years. We completely sold out to the point of rebuilding an organization from the ground up."

That led to Phase I, which nobody could have predicted to be such a resounding success.

When the Pirates took the field at the outset of the 1997 season, their combined $9.1 million payroll was less than former Indians slugger Albert Belle was earning with the White Sox.

Of course, predictions of 100 losses and another last-place finish were abundant. But the Pirates stunned the baseball world by winning 79 games and occupying first place for 40 days before ultimately finishing second in the National League Central Division, five games behind the Houston Astros.

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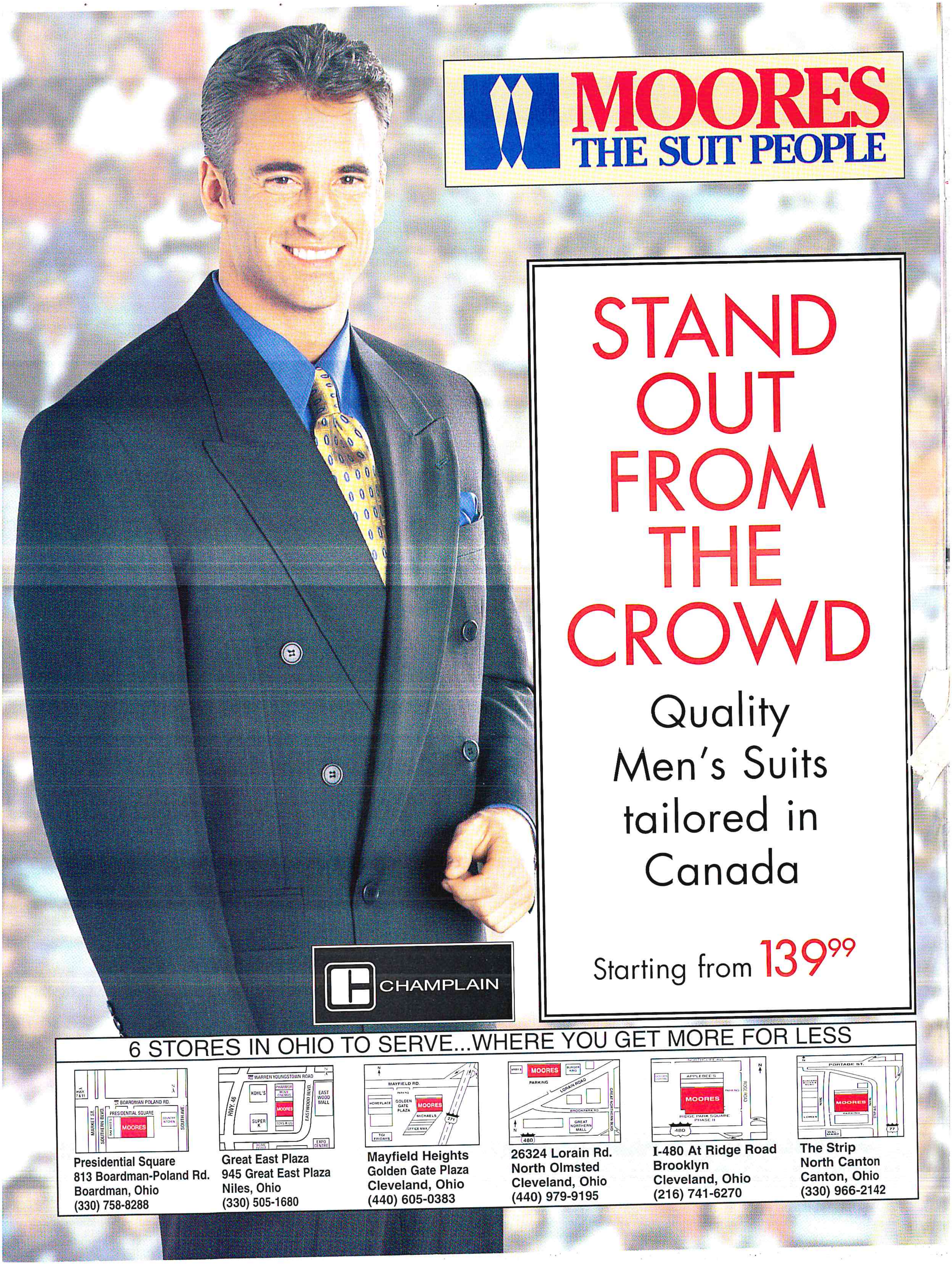
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Magic was the word often used to describe the '97 season. No player hit more than 18 home runs. Nobody drove in more than 74 runs. No pitcher won more than 11 games. Aside from Womack, the speedy second baseman who registered a league-high 60 steals, nobody ranked near the top in any individual statistical category.

Rewards were doled out at the end of the season. Bonifay was named the game's top executive by *The Sporting News*. Gene Lamont finished second in National League Manager of the Year balloting.

What was the secret behind the '97 Pirates success?

In one word: ***Chemistry.***

"Quite frankly, that is how that team became what it was," said Martin, who has been in Pittsburgh since 1992, making him the Pirates player with the longest continuous service. "It wasn't because we had any great ability, it was because we have a special chemistry. Each person was part of the family and we all pulled for that guy."





Manager Gene Lamont — Finished second in National League Manager of the Year balloting

The Pirates survived lengthy injuries to Allensworth, Cordova, Martin, Kevin Elster, Joe Randa, Kevin Young, Kevin Polcovich, Mark Smith, and John Ericks that may have crippled a team of lesser fortitude.

"We had injuries to key people from April until the very end of August," said Young, who missed nearly six weeks late in the season with a fractured thumb yet still led the team with 18 homers and 74 RBI. "Take any of those impact players away from any other team in our division and the results might have been different.

"Take (Jeff) Bagwell or (Craig) Biggio out of Houston's lineup for four weeks and you might have seen a totally different conclusion. We were able to fight through our injuries because other players were there to step up. That shows how much character that team had."

The success of the 1997 team naturally raised the bar for the '98 squad, even though Bonifay and Lamont cautioned the five-year plan would not be altered. "Expectations are higher, a lot higher, maybe higher than they should be," Lamont said. "Everything we did last year, even if it was something wrong, the fans accepted it because we played hard. They'll be more demanding this year.

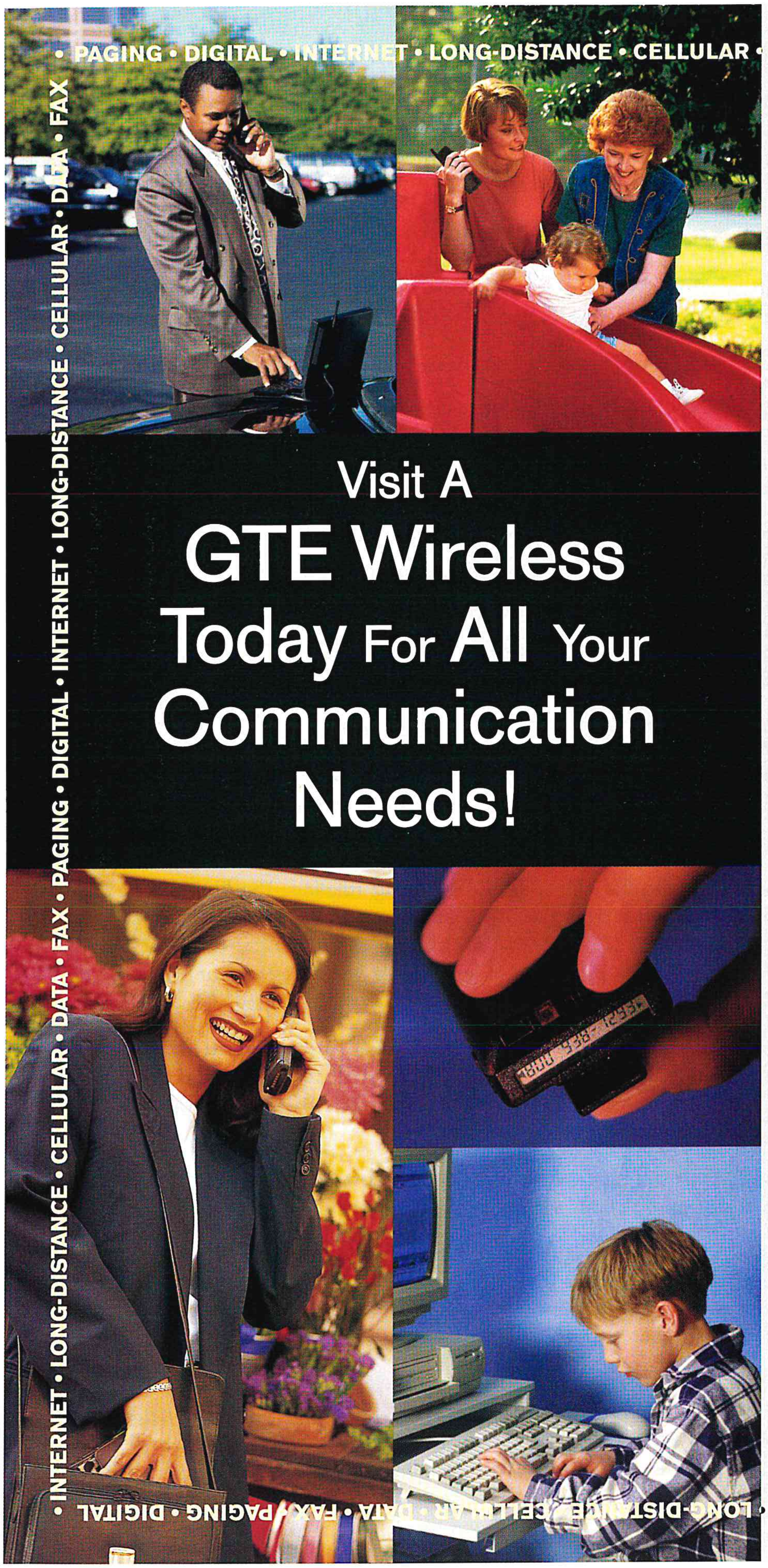
"Last year we made sure the team played hard and did what we wanted, but there comes a point where you have to play well and not just hard."

Added Martin: **"You have to raise expectations.** One, we didn't finish .500. Two, you want to get better and better every season. We have something good here, we just have to keep moving forward."

The Pirates already have discovered that duplicating — let alone surpassing — last year's run of good fortune won't be easy. After never falling more than six games out of the division lead last year, the Pirates were seven out heading into May.

They also were back in an all-too-familiar spot in the standings — last place — entering the season's second month.

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"We're even younger this year," Lamont said. "If you have young players and are willing to put them out there, you have to live with the errors and mental mistakes."

The Pirates have experienced growing pains in their infield. Third baseman Freddy Garcia and shortstop Lou Collier, first-time starters in the Major Leagues, got off to poor starts. Collier, a rookie, started sharing time with Polcovich. Garcia found himself back in the Minor Leagues by May.

One potential reason for the slow start was that the roster was tweaked again in the off-season. A decision was made not to resign shortsops Elster and Shawon Dunston, a late-season acquisition. Veteran utilityman Dale Sveum exited via free agency, pitcher Steve Cooke was released, and Randa was left unprotected in the expansion draft.

Martin expected their presence to be missed in the clubhouse.

"Those guys were dirt dogs," Martin said. "They came to play every single day. They spoke their minds when they thought they were right, and usually when they did speak, they were right.

"A lot of stuff they did went unnoticed in the media and public because it went on behind closed doors. But every player on this team respected those guys.

"The Randas, the Sveums, the Elsters — they were a big part of our personality. You just don't replace things like that too easily."

Those moves made an already youthful Pirates roster even more baby-faced. In addition to Garcia and Collier, the Pirates opened the season with rookie Jose Silva occupying the fifth spot in the starting rotation. The Pirates also protected a Rule 5 player, hard-throwing right-handed reliever Javier Martinez, for the third time in four seasons. With his long-term objective in mind, Bonifay chose to stand pat in the off-season. His only major acquisitions were veteran utilityman Doug Strange to replace Sveum and journeyman reliever Jeff Tabaka to strengthen the bullpen.

"We've got to somehow get certain personalities meshed into a single unit again. Last year we might have mastered that," Martin said. "I hope we can supplement the guys we lost with the new guys we brought in and others who are ready to step up. But it's going to be tough."

The slow start this season wasn't unexpected by Bonifay. He figured the Pirates would hit some bumps on the road to becoming a bona fide contender.

"No question, that always is evident," he said. "It seems that when you think you're ready, you take a step back. The best-laid plans always find a lapse somewhere, and you just have to realize it's part of the game. You have to keep working and not lose sight of the final echelon of where you want to go."

As the Pirates stay the course in their five-year plan, solace can be taken in the fact that help may be one plane trip and half a season away. The organization rated as having the best farm system in 1997, the Pirates had five of baseball's Top 100 prospects, according to *Baseball America*, heading into the '98 season. Only Florida and Oakland had more representatives on the list.

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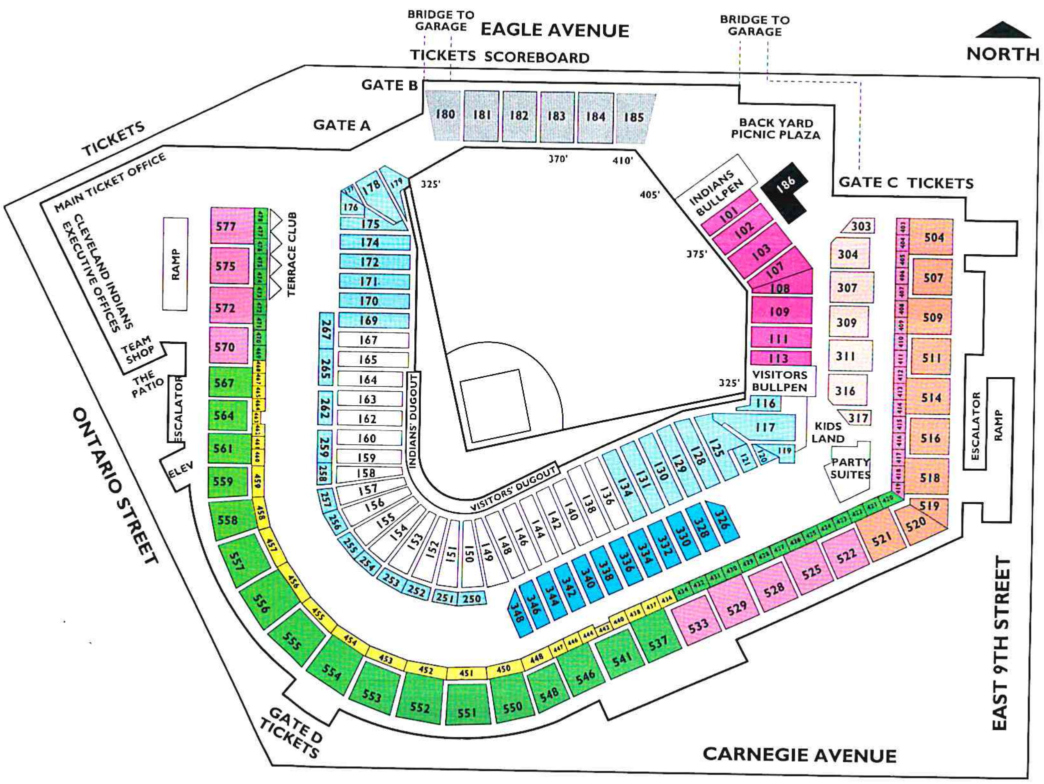
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JULY			1 MIL ★ 8:05	2 MIL ◆ 7:15	3 KC ◆ 8:05	4 KC ◆ 8:05
5 KC ◆ 2:05	6	7 ALL-STAR GAME	8	9 MIN ◆ 7:05	10 MIN ★ 7:05	11 MIN 1:05
12 MIN ◆ 1:05	13 NYY ◆ 7:05	14 NYY ★ 7:05	15 BOS ★ 7:05	16 BOS ◆ 7:05	17 CWS ◆ 8:05	18 CWS ■ 1:05
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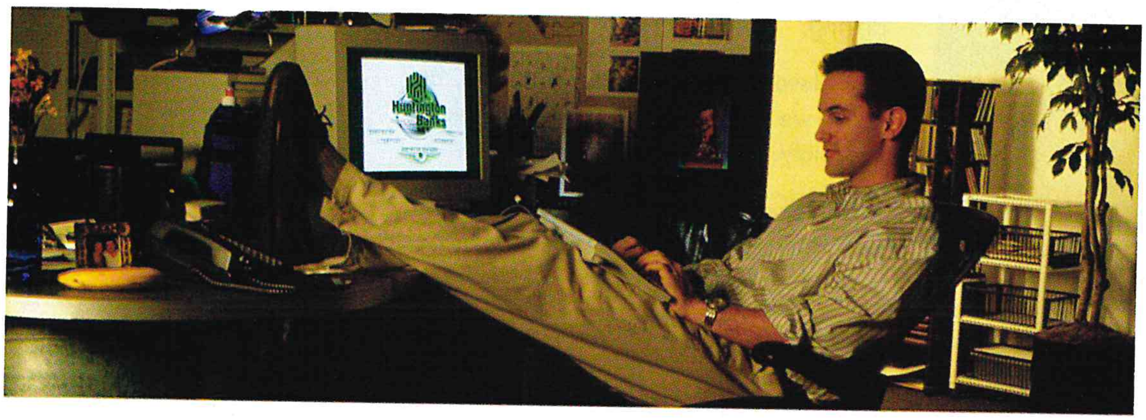
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1998 PROMOTIONAL EVENT SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	EVENT
FRIDAY	April 10	Anaheim Angels	**Opening Day**
SUNDAY	April 12	Anaheim Angels	**Stop-n-Shop** Calendar
MONDAY	April 13	Seattle Mariners	**MTD** Opening Night Fireworks
TUESDAY	April 14	Seattle Mariners	**Stop-n-Shop** Magnet Schedule
TUESDAY	April 21	Chicago White Sox	**Pepsi** Player Action Card #1
THURSDAY	April 30	Oakland A's	**Dairy Mart** A.L. Champs Cap
WEDNESDAY	May 6	Baltimore Orioles	**OfficeMax** Screen Saver
SUNDAY	May 17	Texas Rangers	**KeyBank** Replica Uniform T-Shirt**
TUESDAY	May 26	Detroit Tigers	**Pepsi** Player Action Card #2
WEDNESDAY	June 17	Kansas City Royals	**Budweiser** Fireworks
SATURDAY	June 20	New York Yankees	**1948 Commemorative Weekend**
SUNDAY	June 21	New York Yankees	**1948 Commemorative Weekend**
SUNDAY	July 12	Minnesota Twins	**CVS/pharmacy** Pillow Case**
WEDNESDAY	August 12	Texas Rangers	**Ohio Lottery** Fireworks
SUNDAY	August 16	Baltimore Orioles	**Nickles** Pencil Case**
TUESDAY	September 1	Anaheim Angels	**Pepsi** Player Action Card #3
FRIDAY	September 18	Kansas City Royals	**Fireworks**
SUNDAY	September 20	Kansas City Royals	"Shirts Off Our Back" **Fan Appreciation Day**

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Promotional events are subject to change.

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— Dennis Lehman, Indians Executive Vice President of Business

Baseball's most important pitch this season won't come from a mound. In an effort to combat drinking and driving, Major League Baseball, together with the Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management (TEAM) coalition, continues to make a comprehensive appeal to fans this year. The message: PLEASE DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!

As part of the TEAM program, each Major League club reviews its alcohol policies and runs public service announcements asking fans to drink responsibly and warns them against the consequences of drinking and driving.

The Cleveland Indians want you safe, because we want you back. Please drink responsibly.

In an effort to make everyone's visit to the Ballpark as safe and enjoyable as possible, a list of guidelines has been developed.

The Indians ask that you follow these guidelines, or be subject to ejection from the Ballpark, and in some cases, subject to criminal prosecution by the Cleveland Police Department.

To ensure that each game is a pleasant experience for each and every guest, the Indians have established the following **"Ground Rules:"**

- Jacobs Field is a non-smoking facility with designated smoking areas. Non-smoking areas include: the entire seating bowl of the Ballpark (including the outdoor seating of Suites and Club Seats); KidsLand; and all public rest rooms. Smoking is permitted in the following areas: Back Yard; Patio area on the Main Concourse; all three concourse levels (Main, Mezzanine, and Upper Deck) on the East Ninth Street side of the Ballpark and Upper Deck pavilion area on the Carnegie side of the Ballpark (all of these locations are open-air areas with picnic tables, concession stands, and rest room facilities nearby); Bleacher Concourse on the Eagle Avenue side of the Ballpark. In addition, the Terrace Club and Club Lounge have both smoking and non-smoking areas. Jacobs Field has signage identifying designated smoking areas for your convenience.
- Cans, glass bottles, plastic beverage containers, thermos bottles, and squeeze bottles are not permitted into Jacobs Field.
- Due to security concerns, hard-sided coolers and containers are not permitted. Soft-sided containers and coolers are permitted.
- Food items and juice boxes are permitted inside the Ballpark, provided they are not inside a hard-sided cooler or container.
- Pets are not allowed inside the Ballpark. However, guide dogs for persons with sight disabilities are permitted.
- The resale (scalping) of Indians tickets is strictly prohibited and subject to prosecution by the Cleveland Police Department.
- Fans are permitted to bring and display banners, provided they do not interfere with the game, obstruct the view of fans, or carry obscene, political or commercial messages. Banners may be hung from the facing of the Upper Deck. Poles and sticks are strictly prohibited.
- Fans may bring small umbrellas into Jacobs Field as long as they do not interfere with other fans' enjoyment of the game. Large golf umbrellas are discouraged.
- Cameras and video recorders are permitted. However, any resale of the photography or video is strictly prohibited. Team name, logos, and players' likenesses are all copyrighted material.
- Persons observed breaking the law (eg. using illegal drugs, or drinking alcohol underage) will be subject to immediate ejection and/or criminal prosecution.
- Persons using obscene or abusive language, or engaging in any other antisocial conduct offensive to those around them, will be asked by Indians personnel to cease this conduct. If the offensive conduct persists, those involved will be ejected from Jacobs Field.
- Persons entering the playing field, throwing or attempting to throw objects onto the field, will be subject to immediate ejection from Jacobs Field and/or criminal prosecution.

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or problems, please visit one the Guest Service Centers located at Section 116 of the Main Concourse and in Section 519 of the Upper Concourse, or see one of our hosts throughout the Ballpark. The Indians thank you for your cooperation.


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IN THE COMMUNITY

Interest in baseball among the youth in Northeast Ohio continues to grow, despite national trends to the contrary. Much of that growth is attributed to the success of the Indians since the opening of Jacobs Field. The Cleveland Indians have given some 7,000 youths the opportunity to play the game of baseball and expand their baseball skills in each of the last two seasons with a variety of youth baseball programs and skills competitions. In 1998, those opportunities will continue to increase, as the descriptions on the following pages will indicate. The Indians, with the support of its corporate partners, are proud to offer these opportunities.



The Larry Doby RBI Program celebrates its seventh year in Cleveland.

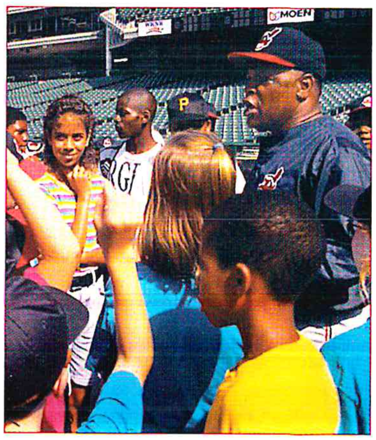
CLEVELAND INDIANS BASEBALL CAMPS TO RETURN FOR 1998

Once again in 1998, the Cleveland Indians will give hundreds of young athletes in Northeast Ohio a chance to hone their baseball skills at the week-long day camps. Sponsored by Stop-n-Shop Supermarkets, the Cleveland Indians Baseball Day Camps are four separate programs offering boys and girls, ages 9 to 16, baseball skills development opportunities in an exciting setting. Locations are held in various areas of Northeast Ohio. The 1997 camps were held on the high school fields at Copley, Orange, and Rocky River, Ohio.

The Cleveland Indians Baseball Day Camps are highlighted by daily visits by the Tribe's Major League coaching staff. Each coach conducts a clinic on his specialty. Local college and high school baseball coaches will also be on-hand to provide expert instruction. Directed by former Indians Gold Glove outfielder and current Tribe broadcaster Rick Manning, the camps also feature special visits by current Tribe players.

The Cleveland Indians Baseball Day Camps are held during the months of June and July. For detailed information, please call Blue Streak Summer Camps, Inc. at (216) 543-1131.

The 1998 Baseball Day Camps will be held in Rocky River, Hudson, Mentor, Wooster, and Orange, OH.



PARENT-CHILD CLINICS TO EXPAND IN 1998

The Cleveland Indians are offering **four** separate one-day parent-child clinics in 1998 for parents who want to spend a day of fun, excitement, and learning baseball with his or her child. This is an increase from the three clinics that were held in each of the two previous years. The Cleveland Indians Parent-Child Clinics, sponsored by OfficeMax, are held at Jacobs Field beginning at 10:00am and ending at the conclusion of that day's game. There is no age limit nor specific athletic ability required. Admission is limited to 100 couples on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants receive instruction from Rick Manning and several other members of the Indians coaching staff at Jacobs Field. During that time, the parent works with his or her child.

Clinic participants are served a light lunch. Following lunch, the participants will take part in an autograph-photograph session with two Indians players. Afterwards, the participants get to **observe batting practice** and the day concludes with that evening's game. The game ticket is not included in the price of clinic. These highly popular clinics sold out quickly in 1997 and should be no less popular in 1998.

For information on dates and cost of the clinics, call Blue Streak Summer Camps, Inc. at (216) 543-1131.

THE LARRY DOBY RBI LEAGUE

The Larry Doby RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) Program, presented by Huntington Bank and supported by SportsChannel, now FOX Sports Ohio, enters its seventh year in Cleveland. One of the longest running Cleveland Indians Charities programs, the league provided nearly 300 boys and girls, ages 13-18, from Cleveland's inner city the opportunity to play baseball and softball in 1997. The league also promotes academic achievement and social responsibility as a requirement for participation. The youths take part in seminars that stress self-esteem, sportsmanship, and positive life skills.

In 1997, an All-Star group of Cleveland youngsters competed in the RBI Regionals in Houston, Texas, one of 13 regional sites throughout the U.S. Though they played well, they were unable to overcome the host Houston teams, which went on to represent the region in the RBI World Series in Denver, Colorado.

Cleveland last hosted a regional in 1995 and the RBI World Series in 1996.

The RBI program began in South Central Los Angeles in 1989, and now encompasses 75,000 youngsters in 70 U.S. cities and Canada, the Czech Republic, Puerto Rico, Taiwan, and the Virgin Islands. The number of participants continues to increase significantly as a result of a new partnership between Major League Baseball and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America which began in 1997. A total of 20 new cities will be added in 1998. The Boys & Girls Clubs now administers the program nationally.

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ROOKIE LEAGUE

The Cleveland Indians Rookie League program saw 2,500 boys and girls, ages 7-12, in the city of Cleveland learn the game of baseball. The teams are located at the city of Cleveland's recreation centers, where youngsters learn the fundamentals through the use of a pitching machine. Teams adopt the names of current Tribe players. The season-ending highlight each year is the All-Star game, played in August at Jacobs Field.



The 1998 Rookie League All-Star Game will be held at Jacobs Field on August 5.

SKILLS COMPETITIONS

The Cleveland Indians support two separate skills competitions throughout the spring and summer months. These competitions test the skills of boys and girls between the ages of 7-14, in the areas of pitching, hitting, throwing and running.

New in 1997 was the Fleer Diamond Skills, the official skills competition of Major League Baseball. The local competitions are conducted through Parks and Recreation Departments in Northeast Ohio during the months of April and May. The top "all-around" scorers will advance to sectional competitions and the winners from those events will advance to a team championship at Jacobs Field in June. National Finals will be held during the Major League Baseball All-Star Game at Coors Field in Denver, Colorado.

In its initial season, nearly 400,000 youngsters competed in Diamond Skills across the nation. Jacobs Field was the host site of not only the Team Championship in June, but also the National Championship during the 1997 All-Star Game.

For more information on the Diamond Skills, call your local Parks and Recreation Department.

The SportsChannel Skills Competition completed a second successful season of competition. This program was a hit in its first year in 1996, and was just as popular in 1997. The Indians and SportsChannel combined to give 3,000 area youths, ages 7-14, a chance to compete in fundamental baseball skills with the goal of showing off their talents in the championship finals at Jacobs Field in August. The eliminations are held at six different area sites on six separate Saturdays in June and July. The program emphasizes base running, hitting, pitching and throwing, and champions are determined in four different age groups. For more information on dates and locations of the 1998 Skills Competition, call (216) 328-0333.



1998 Jacobs Field Tour Program

PUBLIC TOURS

- Friday, May 1 through Saturday, September 26.
- Monday through Saturday (excluding day games, special events and holidays).
- Adults $5.00, Youths (14 and under) and Senior citizens (60 and over) $3.00.

GROUP TOURS

- 1:00 PM Only
- $120.00 flat fee for up to 40 people.
- Group ticket is only available at the Indians Main Box Office.

Tour includes these areas of the Ballpark

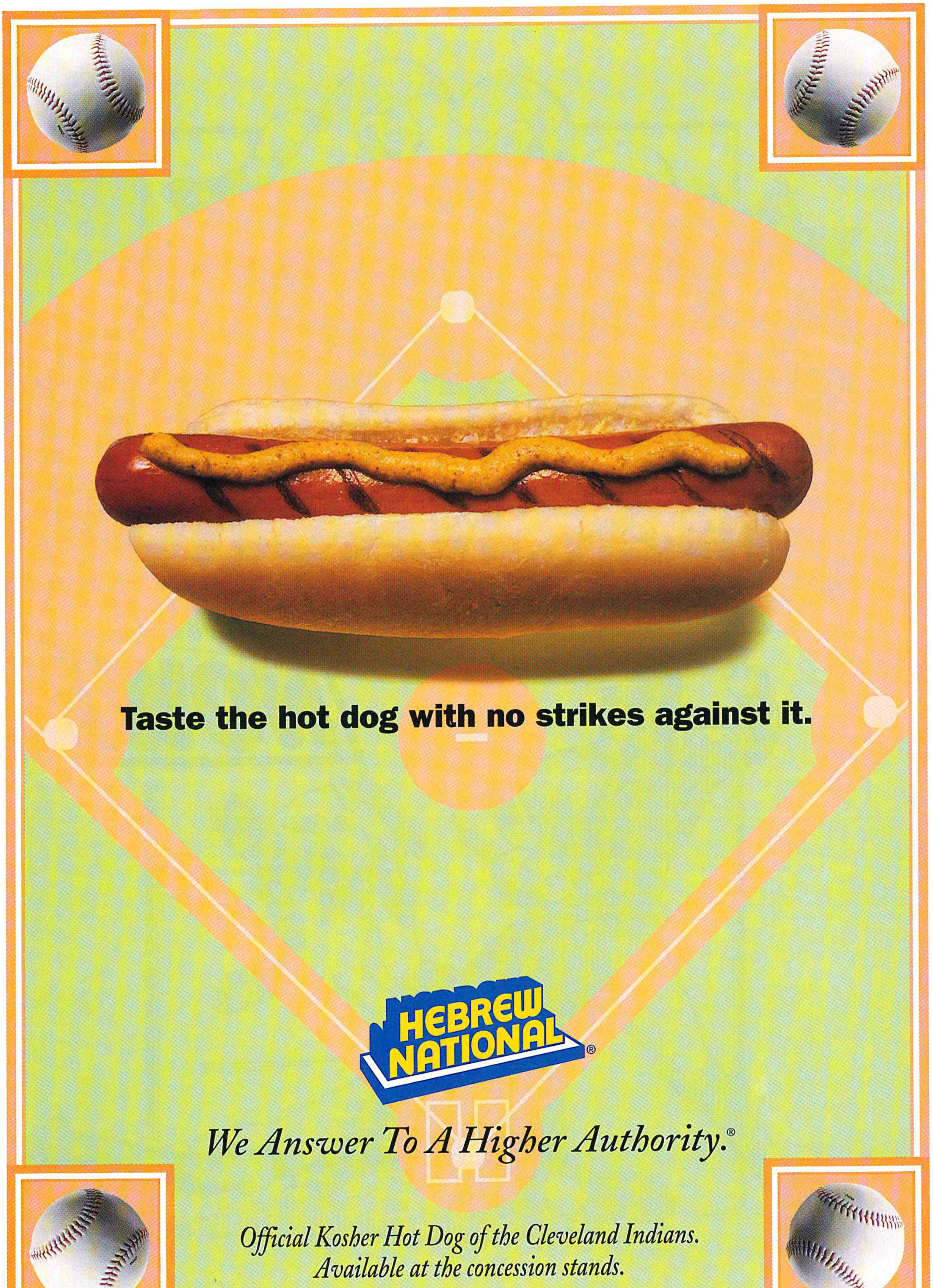
- KidsLand
- Party Suite
- Club Lounge
- Press Box
- Dugout
- Special Video

Tour tickets are available at the following locations:

- Cleveland Indians Main Box Office
- All seven Indians Team Shop Locations
- In person at all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers
- With a credit card by phone at (216) 241-8888 at least 11 days on advance of tour requested.

Additional Tour Information

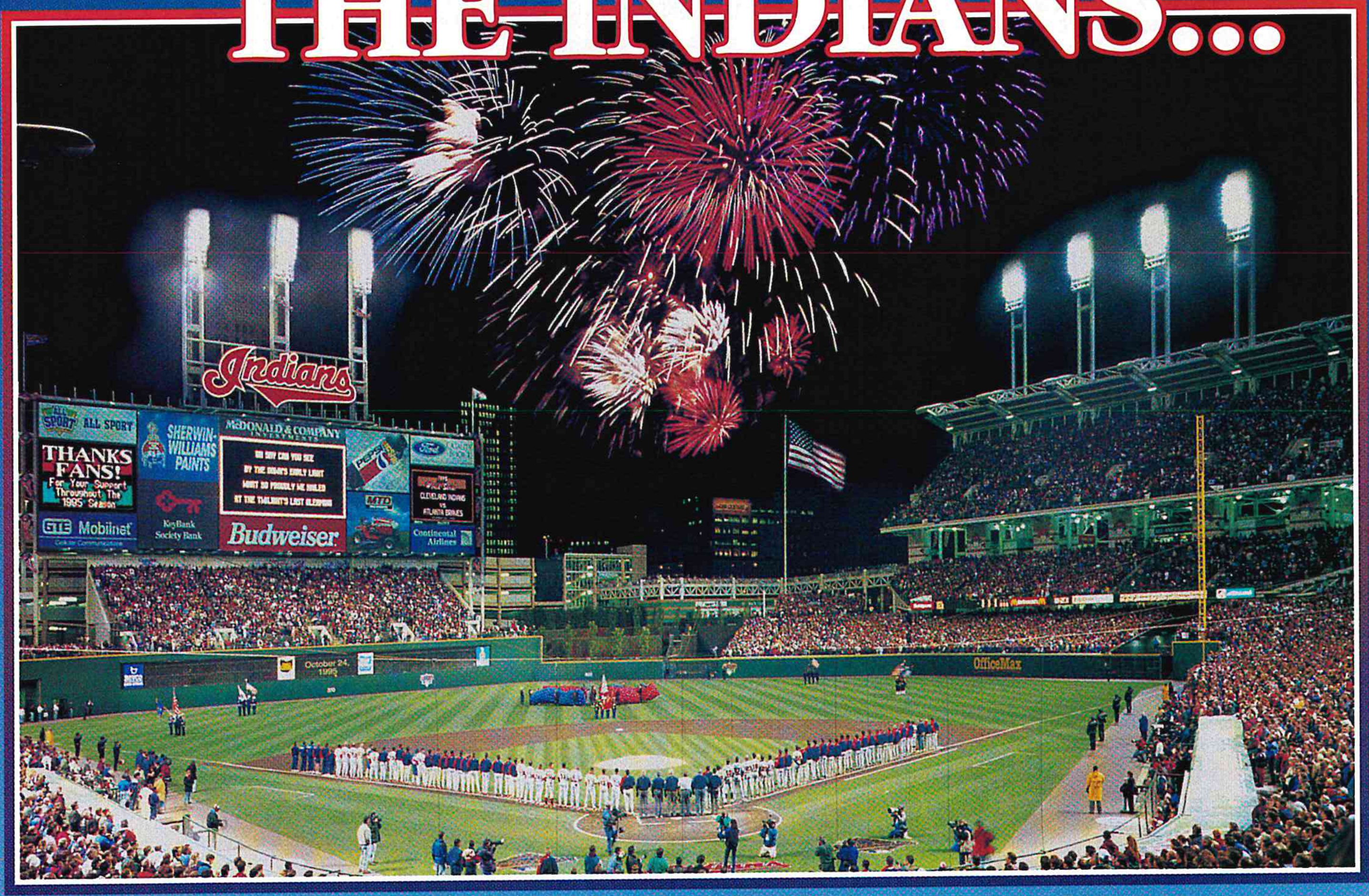
- Route is subject to change.
- Tour is entirely wheelchair accessible.
- Still and video cameras are welcome.
- Each tour lasts approximately one hour.
- Tours depart from the Indians Team Shop on Ontario St.
- All proceeds benefit Cleveland Indians Charities.
- For more information and tour times, please call: (216) 420-4385.



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1998 AKRON AEROS SEASON SCHEDULE

APRIL

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
FRI	10	BOW	7:05
SAT	11	BOW	2:05
SUN	12	BOW	2:05
MON	13	PORT	7:05
TUE	14	PORT	7:05
THUR	15	PORT	7:05
WED	16	@Bing	6:00
FRI	17	@Bing	7:00
SAT	18	@Bow	7:05
SUN	19	@Bow	1:05
MON	20	@Trent	7:05
TUE	21	@Trent	7:05
WED	22	@Trent	12:05
THUR	23		OFF
FRI	24	NB	7:05
SAT	25	NB	7:05
SUN	26	NB	7:05
MON	27	TRENT	7:05
TUE	28	TRENT	7:05
WED	29	TRENT	12:05
THUR	30	@Read	7:05

MAY

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
FRI	1	@Read	7:05
SAT	2	@Read	1:05
SUN	3	@Read	1:05
MON	4	@Harr	7:05
TUES	5	@Harr	7:05
WED	6	@Bing	6:00
THUR	7	@Bing	6:00
FRI	8	READ	7:05
SAT	9	READ	7:05
SUN	10	READ	2:05
MON	11	@NB	6:35
TUE	12	@NB	6:35
WED	13	@NB	6:35
THUR	14	@NB	6:35
FRI	15	@NH	7:05
SAT	16	@NH	7:05
SUN	17	@NH	2:05
MON	18	NH	7:05
TUE	19	NH	7:05
WED	20	NH	7:05
THUR	21	NH	7:05
FRI	22	Harr	7:05
SAT	23	Harr	7:05
SUN	24	Harr	2:05
MON	25	@Bow	7:05
TUE	26	@Bow	7:05
WED	27	@Bow	7:05
THUR	28		OFF
FRI	29	READ	7:05
SAT	30	READ	7:05
SUN	31	READ	2:05

JUNE

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
MON	1	NOR	7:05
TUE	2	NOR	7:05
WED	3	NOR	7:05
THUR	4	NOR	7:05
FRI	5	@Bing	7:00
SAT	6	@Bing	7:00
SUN	7	@Bing	1:35
MON	8	@Port	7:00
TUE	9	@Port	7:00
WED	10	@Port	Noon
THUR	11		OFF
FRI	12	@Nor	7:05
SAT	13	@Nor	7:05
SUN	14	@Nor	1:05
MON	15	BING	7:05
TUE	16	BING	7:05
WED	17	BING	7:05
THUR	18	BING	7:05
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SUN	21	HARR	2:05
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WED	24	TRENT	7:05
THUR	25	@Harr	7:05
FRI	26	@Harr	7:05
SAT	27	@Harr	7:05
SUN	28	@Harr	1:05
MON	29	READ	7:05
TUE	30	READ	7:05

JULY

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
WED	1	READ	7:05
THUR	2	@Trent	7:05
FRI	3	@Trent	7:05
SAT	4	@Trent	7:05
SUN	5	@Read	7:05
MON	6	@Read	7:05
TUE	7	ALL-STAR BREAK	
WED	8	ALL-STAR GAME	
THUR	9		OFF
FRI	10	HARR	7:05
SAT	11	HARR	7:05
SUN	12	HARR	2:05
MON	13	@Read	7:05
TUE	14	@Read	7:05
WED	15	@Read	7:05
THUR	16	NB	7:05
FRI	17	NB	7:05
SAT	18	NB	7:05
SUN	19	NB	2:05
MON	20		OFF
TUE	21	BOW	7:05
WED	22	BOW	7:05
THUR	23	BOW	7:05
FRI	24	@Harr	7:05
SAT	25	@Harr	7:05
SUN	26	@Harr	1:05
MON	27	@Bow	7:05
TUE	28	@Bow	7:05
WED	29	@Bow	7:05
THUR	30	@Bow	7:05
FRI	31	BING	7:05

AUGUST

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
SAT	1	BING	7:05
SUN	2	BING	2:05
MON	3	@Nor	7:05
TUE	4	@Nor	7:05
WED	5	@Nor	7:05
THUR	6	@Nor	7:05
FRI	7	@NB	7:00
SAT	8	@NB	7:00
SUN	9	@NB	2:00
MON	10	PORT	7:05
TUE	11	PORT	7:05
WED	12	PORT	7:05
THUR	13	PORT	7:05
FRI	14	NH	7:05
SAT	15	NH	7:05
SUN	16	NH	2:05
MON	17	NOR	7:05
TUE	18	NOR	7:05
WED	19	NOR	7:05
THUR	20	@NH	7:05
FRI	21	@NH	7:05
SAT	22	@NH	7:05
SUN	23	@NH	2:05
MON	24	@Port	7:00
TUE	25	@Port	7:00
WED	26	@Port	7:00
THUR	27	@Port	6:00
FRI	28	@Trent	7:05
SAT	29	@Trent	7:05
SUN	30	@Trent	1:05
MON	31	BOW	7:05

SEPTEMBER

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
TUE	1	BOW	7:05
WED	2	BOW	7:05
THUR	3		OFF
FRI	4	TRENT	7:05
SAT	5	TRENT	7:05
SUN	6	TRENT	7:05
MON	7	TRENT	2:05

MINOR LEAGUES

CLASS AAA
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
BUFFALO BISONS

Mike Buczkowski, GM
Jeff Datz, Manager
Buddy Black, Pitching Coach
Dave Keller, Coach
Lee Kuntz, Trainer
Playing Field:
North AmeriCare Park
Office: 275 Washington Street,
Buffalo, NY 14203
Phone: (716) 846-2000
1997: 87-57, first place
Eastern Division

CLASS AA
EASTERN LEAGUE
AKRON AEROS

Jeff Auman, GM
Joel Skinner, Manager
Tony Arnold, Pitching Coach
Billy Williams, Coach
Dan DeVoe, Trainer
Playing Field: Canal Park
Office: 300 S. Main Street,
Akron, OH 44308
Phone: (330) 253-5151
1997: 51-90, fifth place
Southern Division

CLASS A
CAROLINA LEAGUE
KINSTON INDIANS

North Johnson, GM
Max Oliveras, Manager
Dave Miller, Pitching Coach
Mike Sarbaugh, Coach
Teddy Blackwell, Trainer
Playing Field: Grainger Stadium
Office: 400 E. Grainger Avenue
Kinston, NC 28501
Phone: (919) 527-9111
1997 First Half: 46-24, first place
1997 Second Half: 41-29, first place
Southern Division

CLASS A
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE
COLUMBUS REDSTIXX

Randy Schmidt, GM
Eric Wedge, Manager
Ken Rowe, Pitching Coach
Eric Fox, Coach
Rick Jameyson, Trainer
Playing Field: Golden Park
Office: 100 4th Street,
Columbus, GA 31901
Phone: (706) 571-8866
'97 First Half: 31-39, fourth place
'97 Second Half: 31-37, fourth place
Southern Division

CLASS A
NEW YORK/PENN LEAGUE
WATERTOWN INDIANS

Jeff Dumas, GM
Ted Kubiak, Manager
Steve Lyons, Pitching Coach
Willie Aviles, Coach
Nick Paparesta, Trainer
Playing Field: Alex T. Duffy
Fairgrounds Stadium
Office: 900 Coffeen Street
Watertown, NY 13601
Phone: (315) 788-8747
1997: 39-36, second place
Pinckney Division

ROOKIE —
APPALACHIAN LEAGUE
BURLINGTON INDIANS

Mike Edwards, GM
Joe Mikulik, Manager
Carl Willis, Pitching Coach
Jack Mull, Coach
David Lassiter, Trainer
Playing Field: Burlington Athletic Stadium
Office: 1450 Graham Street
Burlington, NC 27217
Phone: (336) 222-0223
1997: 32-36, third place
East Division

ROOKIE —
DOMINICAN
SUMMER LEAGUE
INDIANS

Felix Fermin, Manager
Juan Jimenez, Pitching Coach
Jacobo Urena & Virgilio Veras,
Coaches
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Santiago, Dominican Republic
Phone: (809) 570-1388
1997: 37-34, second place
Cibao Division

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Dr. Charles A. Maher
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Chris Jefts, Central CA
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Dom Chiti
Tom Giordano
Jay Robertson
Ted Simmons
Bill Werle

Minor League Scouts

Tom McDevitt
Bobby Gardner

LEAGUE FRANCHISES AND AFFILIATES

AAA

North Division

ROCHESTER RED WINGS
Baltimore Orioles

SYRACUSE SKYCHIEFS
Toronto Blue Jays

PAWTUCKET RED SOX
Boston Red Sox

OTTAWA LYNX
Montreal Expos

SCRANTON WILKES-BARRE
Philadelphia Phillies

BUFFALO BISONS
Cleveland Indians

West Division

COLUMBUS CLIPPERS
New York Yankees

TOLEDO MUDHENS
Detroit Tigers

LOUISVILLE REDBIRDS
Milwaukee Brewers

INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS
Cincinnati Reds

South Division

NORFOLK TIDES
New York Mets

RICHMOND BRAVES
Atlanta Braves

DURHAM BULLS
Tampa Bay Devil Rays

CHARLOTTE KNIGHTS
Florida Marlins

AA

Eastern Division

BINGHAMTON METS
New York Mets

BOWIE BAYSOX
Baltimore Orioles

HARRISBURG SENATORS
Montreal Expos

NEW BRITAIN ROCK CATS
Minnesota Twins

NEW HAVEN RAVENS
Colorado Rockies

NORWICH NAVIGATORS
New York Yankees

PORTLAND SEADOGS
Florida Marlins

READING PHILLIES
Philadelphia Phillies

TRENTON THUNDER
Boston Red Sox

1998 BUFFALO BISONS SEASON SCHEDULE

APRIL

THUR	9	ROCH	2:05
FRI	10	ROCH	4:05
SAT	11	@Roch	2:15
SUN	12	@Roch	2:15
MON	13	@Ott	7:05
TUE	14	@Ott	7:05
WED	15	@Ott	7:05
THUR	16	PAW	6:05
FRI	17	PAW	7:05
SAT	18	PAW	2:05
SUN	19	PAW	2:05
MON	20	OTT	6:05
TUE	21	OTT	6:05
WED	22	OTT	1:05
THUR	23		OFF
FRI	24	@Paw	6:00
SAT	25	@Paw	1:00
SUN	26	@Paw	1:00
MON	27	@Swb	7:00
TUE	28	@Swb	7:00
WED	29	@Swb	7:00
THUR	30	@Swb	11:30am

MAY

FRI	1	@Roch	7:15
SAT	2	@Roch	2:15
SUN	3	ROCH	2:05
MON	4	SWB	7:05
TUE	5	SWB	7:05
WED	6		OFF
THUR	7	SYRA	7:05
FRI	8	SYRA	7:05
SAT	9	SYRA	2:05
SUN	10	SYRA	2:05
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TUE	12	@Char	7:00
WED	13	@Char	7:00
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FRI	15	@Rich	7:00
SAT	16	@Rich	7:00
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WED	20	TOL	1:05
THUR	21	TOL	10:35am
FRI	22	TOL	7:05
SAT	23	COL	7:05
SUN	24	COL	2:05
MON	25	COL	2:05
TUES	26	COL	7:05
WED	27	@Ind	8:00
THUR	28	@Ind	8:00
FRI	29	@Ind	8:00
SAT	30	@Ind	8:00
SUN	31	@Louis	2:00

JUNE

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THUR	4	NOR	7:05
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JULY

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FRI	3	SWB	6:05
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SUN	5	ROCH	2:05
MON	6	ROCH	7:05
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WED	8	ALL-STAR GAME	
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SUN	12	@Syra	6:00
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SUN	26	CHAR	2:05
MON	27	CHAR	7:05
TUE	28	CHAR	7:05
WED	29	OFF	DAY
THUR	30	@Paw	7:00
FRI	31	@Paw	7:00

AUGUST

SAT	1	@Swb	7:30
SUN	2	@Swb	1:30
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TUE	4	RICH	7:05
WED	5	RICH	1:05
THUR	6	RICH	7:05
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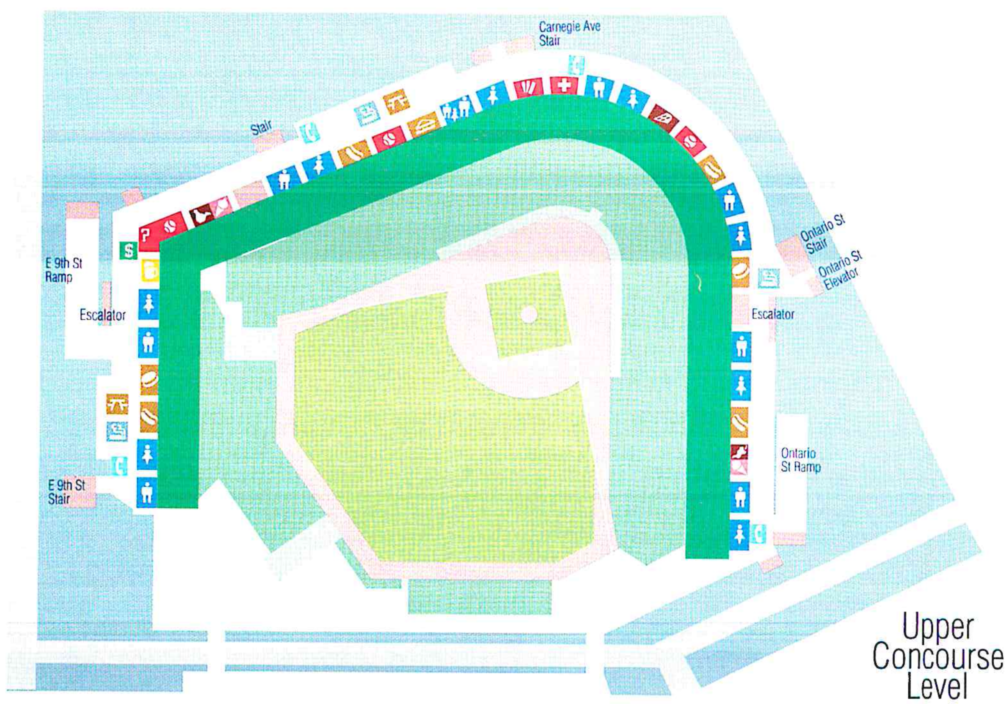
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Legend

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- Women's Restroom
- Family Restroom
- First Aid
- Guest Services
- Telephones
- ATM
- Advance Ticket Sales
- Novelties
- Smoking Area
- Beer
- All American
- Pizza
- Grill
- Chicken & Ribs
- Deli
- Mexican
- Bakery
- Ice Cream
- Picnic Tables





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ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

by Joe Ostermeier

When Cleveland Indians fans welcome the St. Louis Cardinals to town on June 24-25, they'll be seeing one of the proudest National League franchises of all time.

The Cardinals have been in more World Series — 15 — than any team this side of the New York Yankees, and the Redbirds' nine world championships are second only to the Yanks' 23.

What's more, this edition of the Cardinals should be eerily familiar to Cleveland fans: *The Redbirds are populated by a large number of players who spent the majority of their careers in the American League.*



Photo Credit: Jim Herren

Infielder Mark McGwire

These Cardinals have been to Cleveland countless times with their AL teams: Mark McGwire, Todd Stottlemyre, Gary Gaetti, and Willie McGee. The list doesn't include manager Tony La Russa, who spent 17 years at the helm of Oakland and the Chicago White Sox before coming to St. Louis before the 1996 season. His coaching staff is also filled with men who played in the American League: Dave Duncan, Carney Lansford, Dave McKay, Rene Lachemann, and Dave Parker.

But even with their strong AL flavor, the Cardinals boast a set of stars who have flourished in National League careers. That group includes Ray Lankford, Brian Jordan, Ron Gant, Royce Clayton, Delino DeShields and young pitchers Matt Morris, Alan Benes, and Donovan Osborne.

McGwire, of course, heads the list of marquee Cardinals.

"He's the modern-day Babe Ruth," Gaetti says. And with good reason: McGwire has had fewer at-bats per home run than any man in baseball history except for Ruth himself. The Bambino homered every 11.76 at-bats, and McGwire began the season with a homer every 11.94 at-bats.

McGwire hit 58 homers last year — 34 with Oakland, 24 with St. Louis — to tie Jimmie Foxx's 65-year-old record for homers by a right-handed batter. Big Mac fell just three homers short of tying Roger Maris' mark of 61, set in 1961.

But McGwire, who prides himself as a good all-around player, is loath to talk of chasing Maris. "There's no reason to talk about it," McGwire said. "People can talk about it all they want — but me, what can I talk about that people haven't heard?

"I can't say I'm *going* to do it, and I can't say I *can't* do it. If it happens, it *happens.*"

Mac hit 10 homers in April to start talk of another Maris chase this year. He grudgingly admits someone could set the record, given baseball expansion and the dilution of pitching talent.

"Yes, I believe it can be done," said McGwire, 34. "After last year, I'd have to say 'Yeah, it could.' You look at what (Ken) Griffey and I did, and what we both went through — really atrocious Julys — and we still finished with 58 and 56.

"I'm not saying I can do it. I'm not saying I can't. But a season has to be absolutely perfect for it to happen."

His 1997 season wasn't perfect — the 6-5, 245-pound McGwire hit only four homers between June 29 and August 8 — but it was darn close. **In no particular order, McGwire reached these career accomplishments:**

- He joined Ruth as the only player in Major League history to hit 50 or more homers in consecutive seasons, with 52 in 1996 and 58 last year. Ruth hit 54 in 1920 and 59 in 1921, and also hit 60 homers in 1927 and 54 in 1928.
- He broke Foxx's record for most homers by a right-handed batter in two consecutive seasons, with 110 homers in 1996-97 compared to Foxx's 106 in 1932-33.
- He homered every 7.3 at-bats with the Cardinals, setting the club record for homers in one month with 15 round-trippers in September. He homered in 12 consecutive series to end the year.
- He established career highs with 123 RBI and stolen bases (three), and homered against every Major League team except Baltimore.

"I've said many times, he's a real good player who happens to hit home runs," La Russa says. "He gets a lot of attention for the home runs, of course, but I don't think we talk enough about the kind of (overall) hitter he is, or the way he plays defense."

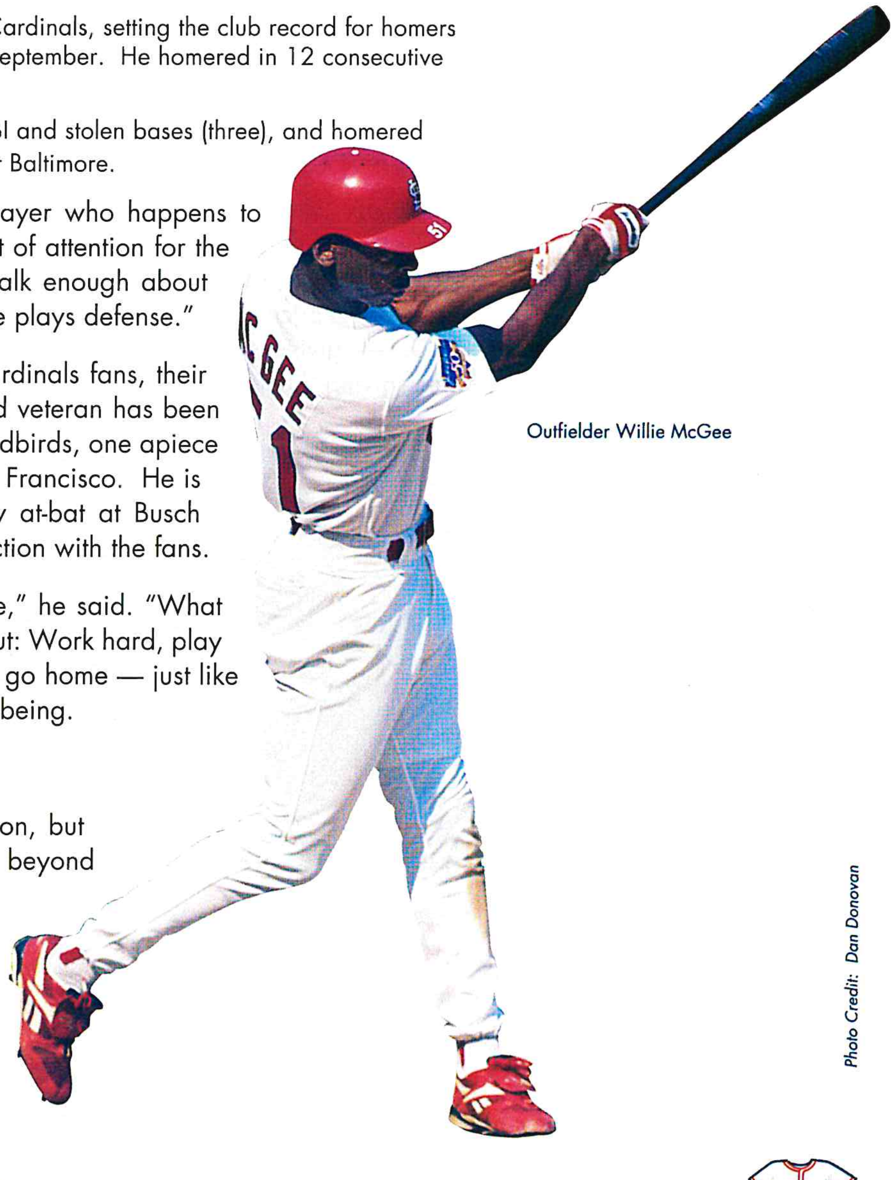
If McGwire has captured the attention of Cardinals fans, their heart still belongs to McGee. The 39-year-old veteran has been in the Majors 18 years: 12 years with the Redbirds, one apiece with Oakland and Boston, and four with San Francisco. He is greeted by a standing ovation nearly every at-bat at Busch Stadium, and admits he has a special connection with the fans.

"When I'm out there, they see what they see," he said. "What they see out there on the field is what I'm about: Work hard, play hard, keep your mouth shut, no excuses, and go home — just like the average, everyday, hard-working human being.

"And that's the way I look at this job."

McGee talked of retirement before last season, but decided to play another year. He isn't looking beyond this season.

"I just want to play baseball, and just take every day as it comes," he said. "I'm day to day. I'm a ballplayer today, tomorrow I might wake up and say, 'Oh, that's it.' I hope not, I don't think I will, but I'm day to day.



Outfielder Willie McGee

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"I don't want to be a distraction right now. I'm set on just playing out this year."

McGee is the second oldest Cardinal, born 75 days after Gaetti in 1958. They are leaders by example in the clubhouse, with Gaetti drawing on an 18-year career that has taken him through Minnesota (1981-90), California (1991-93), Kansas City (1993-95), and St. Louis.

He is in his third year with the Cardinals, whom he followed as a kid growing up in Centralia, IL, about 60 miles east of St. Louis. He played a key role in their NL Central title in 1996, then slumped with the rest of the club last year. He could have pursued a free-agent deal over the winter, but gladly returned to the Cardinals.

"I really thought inside, the kind of year we had as a team was certainly not the way I wanted my tenure here in St. Louis to end," said Gaetti, 39. "I really wanted to come back not just because I like and love St. Louis and the organization and the people, but I really wanted to finish what we started.

"We got so close the year before that I just didn't feel like I wanted to go anywhere and do anything but win in a St. Louis Cardinals uniform."

If McGwire, McGee, and Gaetti add veteran leadership to the lineup, Stottlemyre is the mainstay of the pitching staff. Beset by injuries to Morris, Benes, and Osborne — and the free-agent departure of Andy Benes last winter — the Cardinals have turned to Stottlemyre as their No. 1 starter.

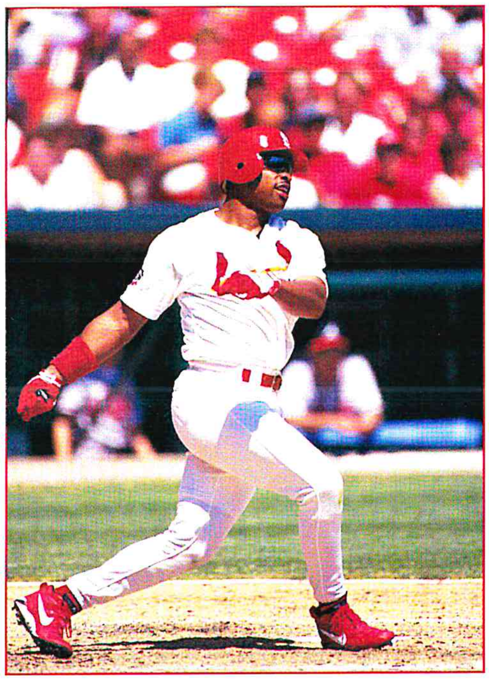
"He gives you a legitimate chance (to win)," La Russa said. "He's a quality Major League pitcher at just the right time in his career, and he's got great guts."

Stottlemyre, 33, is in his 11th Major League season: seven with Toronto, one with Oakland, and three with St. Louis. He began the season with 109 victories — making he and his father, Mel Stottlemyre, the winningest father-son tandem in baseball history. Mel, now the pitching coach for the Yankees, won 164 games for them in the 1960s and 1970s — giving the Stottlemyres 273 Major League wins to brag about at the Thanksgiving dinner table.

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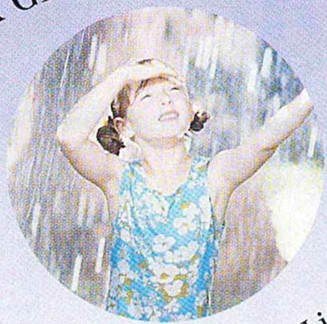
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Infielder Gary Gaetti (L)
Outfielder Ray Lankford (R)

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MEMORIES OF 1948

THE SPORTSWRITERS

Courted by the owner, liked by the players, appreciated by the fans — there was no better job in sports than writing about the *Indians in 1948.*

By Jack De Vries

It was an era very different than today.

In 1948, there were no sports talk shows on TV or radio. Strangers and friends discussed Indians baseball on city streets and suburban lawns. There were no mouse clicks to web sites for scores or statistics. To learn about the Tribe, fans listened to the voices of Jack Graney and Jimmy Dudley calling the action on WJW, or watched a few flickering black and white TV broadcasts of games on WEWS.

But like today, there were newspapers. And fifty years ago, through the hot pennant race and the October World Series, an entire city hung on their every word.



Press Box: (Left to Right) Whitey Lewis, Cleveland Press; Gordon Cobbledick, Cleveland Plain Dealer; Frank Gibbons, Cleveland Press; Ed McAuley, Cleveland News; Harry Jones, Cleveland Plain Dealer; Hal Lebovitz, Cleveland News

Writing Legends

In 1948, there were many voices in print — all with a style of their own. The great ones included columnists Franklin "Whitey" Lewis of the *Cleveland Press*, Ed McAuley of the *Cleveland News*, and Gordon Cobbledick of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, called by Lewis "the silvery veteran of a thousand baseball dramatisms."

Other fine reporters included Harry Jones, Charles Heaton, and columnist James E. Doyle of the *Plain Dealer*, Herman Goldstein, Ed Bang, and Hal Lebovitz of the *News*, and Frank Gibbons and Bob Yonkers of the *Press*.

Hal Lebovitz, 81, who retired as *Plain Dealer* sports editor in 1984, and today works as a syndicated columnist, became a sportswriter in a very untraditional way.

"I was a school teacher at Euclid Central High School, and taught chemistry and math," he says. "The *News* offered me a job because I was coaching and bringing them stories about high school sports. They offered me a part-time job in the early 1940s and a full-time job in 1946. I left teaching to work there."

Bob Yonkers, 84, worked his way through the ranks, gaining valuable reporting experience during World War II.

"I started as a copyboy in 1934," says Yonkers, who worked for the *Press* for 46 years. "There was an opening in the sports department in 1935, and I became the assistant golf writer. From there I went into amateur sports, which was very popular in Cleveland. We'd draw crowds of 50,000 to our Class A baseball games at Edgewater Park, Gordon Park, and Woodland Hills.

"I went from amateur sports to high school sports to covering the Indians for three years during the war. When Frank Gibbons, our regular baseball writer, came back from the service, I became assistant baseball writer. In 1948, I covered the Indians doing sidebar and locker room stories."

The Plain Dealer's Charles Heaton followed a 51-year trek through the newspaper business. "I went to John Carroll College," Heaton, 80, says, "and was the sports editor of the school paper. I also worked as a correspondent for the *Plain Dealer*, covering John Carroll's sporting events. After graduating, I got a job there as a general assignment reporter."

Heaton worked at the *Plain Dealer* through the beginning of World War II. "I went into the Air Force in 1942," he says, "and served in Africa, Italy, Corsica, and France. When I came back in 1945, the *Plain Dealer* rehired me. In 1947, Harry Jones became the Indians beat writer and I was the second man behind him. I didn't travel with the team, but attended every home game and did locker room stories."

Average Day

Along with a seat for every game, access to the locker room, and a bit of fame for the writers came a hectic schedule.

"I would be at the office at seven in the morning," recalls Lebovitz of a typical day in 1948. "I'd edit copy, lay out the pages, go upstairs to see that the type was laid in correctly, and 'lock up' the long pages — that was by 9 a.m. In the afternoon, I'd write or plan my stories. If there was a night game, I might go and cover it. My day sometimes wouldn't end until 11 or 12 o'clock."

"When we first got there," Heaton recalls of his routine, "we'd go down to the field and talk to the players and coaches about things that might come up during the game. After that, we'd go upstairs and have dinner with the ballclub executives in the Wigwam room — more of a social thing. Then we'd go out to the press box and get ready for the game.

"The press box was open-air so we were right in with the fans — we could see and hear them. They would talk with us during the game, many times about what we wrote. Fans then were very knowledgeable about baseball."

After a night game ended, Heaton's day accelerated.

"A night game would end at about 10:45 p.m.," he says, "and I had until 11:30 p.m. to get my story to make the morning edition. The *Plain Dealer* was Cleveland's only morning paper. I had to get to the locker room, write my story on the typewriter, and give it to the Western Union man to send it by Teletype to the paper. Sometimes, I'd be writing as he was sending.

"Night baseball," Heaton notes, "brought a lot of pressure with it, but I got used to writing that way. You had to have a certain temperament. Some writers wrote well, but they took a long time. In my job, writing fast was a good skill to have."



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The *Plain Dealer's* Charles Heaton

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"I think about my childhood a lot," the younger Stottlemyre said. "I grew up around the ballpark. I got to hang out with Thurman Munson, Bobby Murcer — I got a chance to meet Mickey Mantle. I got a chance to meet a lot of great Yankees. When kids approach me for an autograph today, it makes me think about that.

"I probably appreciate it more today than I did, naturally, back then. I thought every kid had a dad who was a Major League baseball player, who could go into the dugouts and hang out with all the guys."

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"I got a chance to meet a lot of great Yankees. When kids approach me for an autograph today, it makes me think about that."

— Todd Stottlemyre

Naturally, there are plenty of Cardinals without an American League entry on their resumes, including their fleet outfield of Lankford, Jordan, and Gant. All three have been beset by injuries in recent years — Lankford a torn rotator cuff, Jordan a bad back and wrist, and Gant a knee that required surgery — but could be 30-30 players (30 homers, 30 stolen bases) when completely healthy.

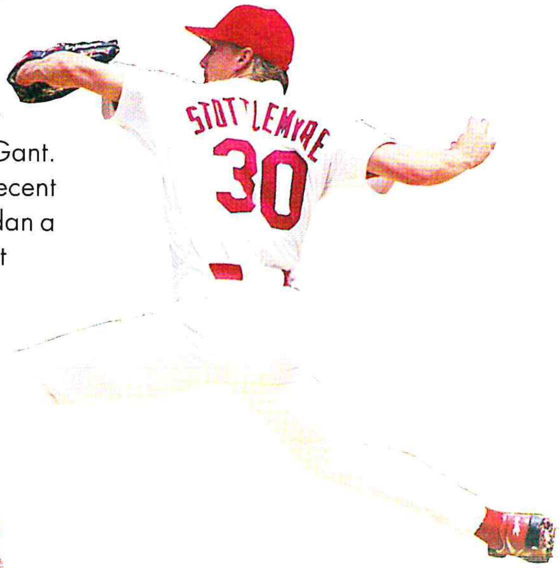
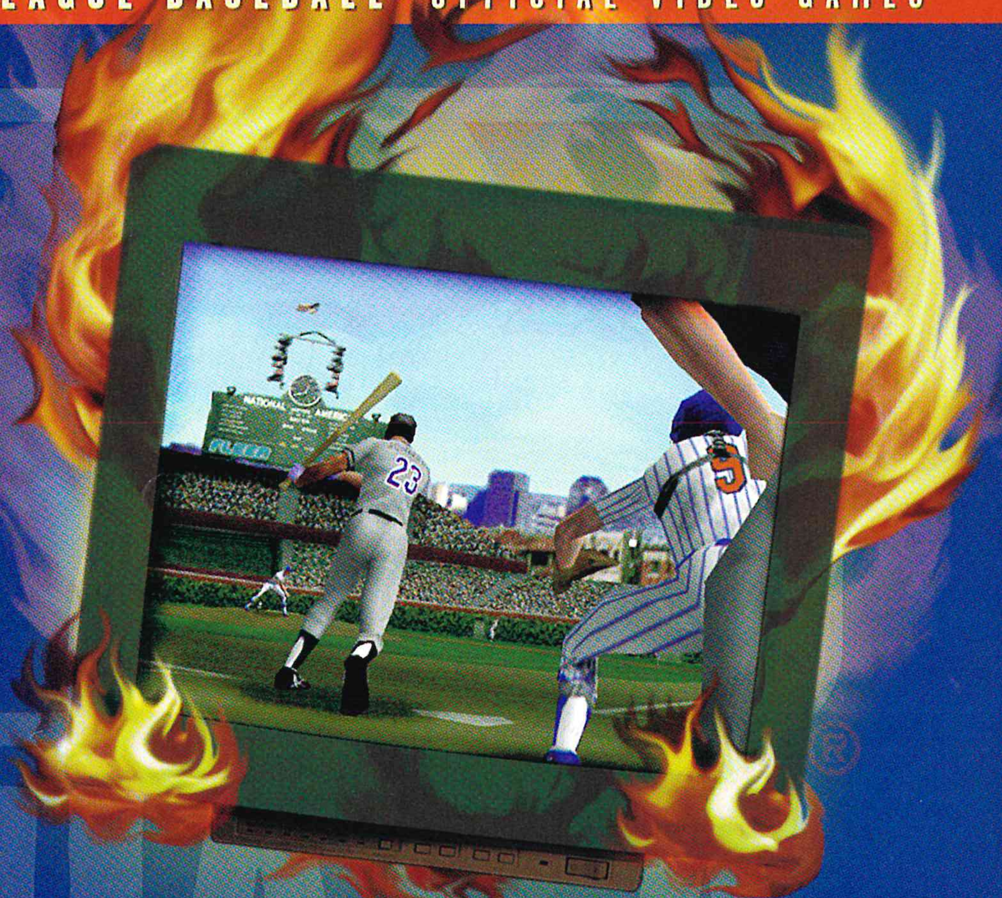


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Todd Stottlemyre

They and Gaetti hit behind McGwire sitting in the third hole in the batting order, with Clayton and DeShields hitting in front of the big slugger.

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The Hall of Fame Remembers...

Roberto Clemente

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1998 marks the 25th anniversary of Roberto Clemente's induction into the Hall of Fame. Clemente's brilliant career in baseball spanned 18 major league seasons and resulted in 3,000 hits, two World Series Championships and the admiration of teammates, opponents and fans alike. Still, the pride of Puerto Rico's most important accomplishments came off the field in his tireless devotion to many charitable and humanitarian efforts. The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum proudly salutes all Latin Americans in baseball by remembering Roberto Clemente, the first Latino elected to the Hall of Fame.

Now it's time for you to test your knowledge on some of the many facts surrounding Roberto's storied career. Good Luck!

1) Which recently elected Hall of Fame manager played with Clemente in Montreal during the 1954 International League season?

2) Who was the first Brooklyn Dodgers' scout to see Clemente play?

3) In Clemente's third season of winter league baseball, he played with another Hall of Famer. Who was his legendary teammate on the Santurce Crabbers of the Puerto Rican winter league?

4) Clemente was the first Latin American to be enshrined in the Hall of Fame. Who was the second?

5) Clemente died in a plane crash on his way to Nicaragua to provide relief supplies to the victims of an earthquake. Who was the first Nicaraguan to play in the major leagues?

6) How many batting titles did Clemente win?

7) How many Gold Gloves did Clemente win?

8) Against which pitcher did Clemente record his 3,000th and final hit?

9) Who is the only other player besides Clemente for whom the Hall of Fame's 5-year waiting period was waved?

10) Clemente singled in his first major league at bat against the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1955. Who was the Dodgers' lefty pitcher on the mound?

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MR. CHARISMA

by Steve Herrick

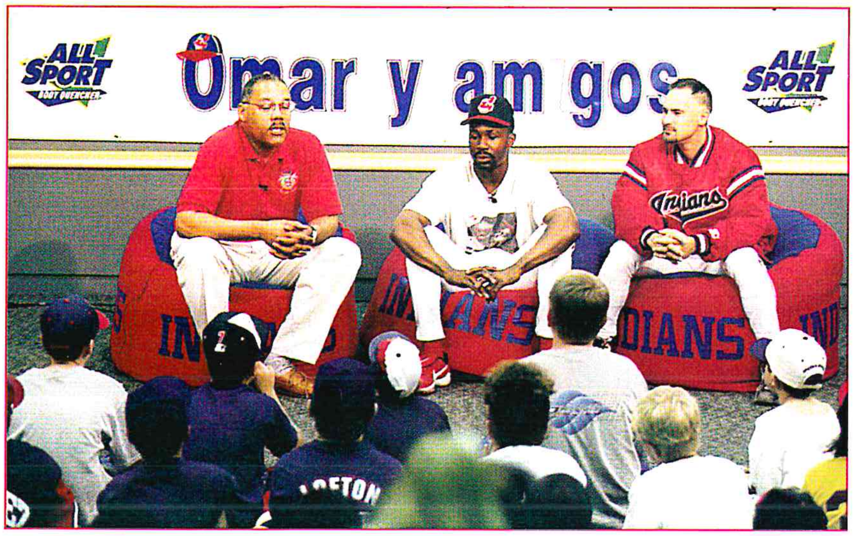
It was a strange sight, all right.

Omar Vizquel, the Indians effervescent shortstop, walked into the clubhouse one night after a game in May with a frown on his face. Vizquel not smiling is a news bulletin around Cleveland, but this time he had a good excuse. Earlier that night, he broke a front tooth while eating an apple. So even though he had the winning hit against the Baltimore Orioles, Vizquel didn't want to go on camera with a tooth missing.

The following night, after a stint in the dentist's chair, Vizquel's smile was back.

"It was the only time I've ever won a game with no teeth and I couldn't be on TV," he said.

It's safe to say Tribe fans have fallen in love with Vizquel's personality. It all started two days after the Indians lost the 1995 World Series to the Atlanta Braves. A rally was held for the team at Public Square and thousands of fans jammed downtown. After the usual list of speakers talked to the crowd, the players took over. Or in this case, Vizquel took over. The rally for the American League champions became "An Afternoon With Omar." Vizquel told stories and jokes that had the fans roaring. He probably would have been up there until midnight if former teammate Wayne Kirby hadn't given him the hook with an umbrella.



(Left to Right) Allen Davis, infielder Shawon Dunston, and host Omar Vizquel during an afternoon session at Jacobs Field.

"I don't think anybody knew about that side of him," said Allen Davis, the Indians Director of Community Relations. "It really came out that day."

People had the same thing in mind when they came downtown for the rally after last year's World Series. Spirits were dragging after the Indians lost Game 7 to the Florida Marlins and people thought a few funny words from Vizquel would make them feel better. But this time the man who cheered up a city needed some cheering up himself. Vizquel was so disappointed about the loss he couldn't attend the rally.

"I didn't want to put on a happy face and deal with people for a couple weeks," he said. "I did the best I could to win it. I felt like I gave everything I had. It was pretty intense."

"He's a very emotional guy," said Davis. "He took that loss pretty hard. To Omar's credit, he can be hurting and disappointed, but not show it."

Vizquel took his wife, Nicole, and two-and-a-half year-old son, Nico, back to their home in Seattle and returned to his native Venezuela. Vizquel grew up in Caracas, but he didn't even go there. Instead, he went on a nine-day excursion to the jungle. He wanted to see an anaconda, but didn't. So Vizquel enjoyed being around the birds, mosquitoes, and waterfalls.

"I went down there to be with people who didn't know anything about baseball, but one day we were walking in the jungle and I saw another group of tourists," he said. And, believe it or not, one of them was wearing an Indians cap. "He had no idea who I was," a somewhat relieved Vizquel said.

It didn't take long for Vizquel's spirits to come back. By the time he reported to Spring Training, his smile and the bounce in his step were back.

"He loves people," said Davis. "It's genuine. It's not an act."

Davis assists players with their personal appearances and Vizquel is one of the players most in demand.

"He's one of the few guys who keeps a calendar in his locker.

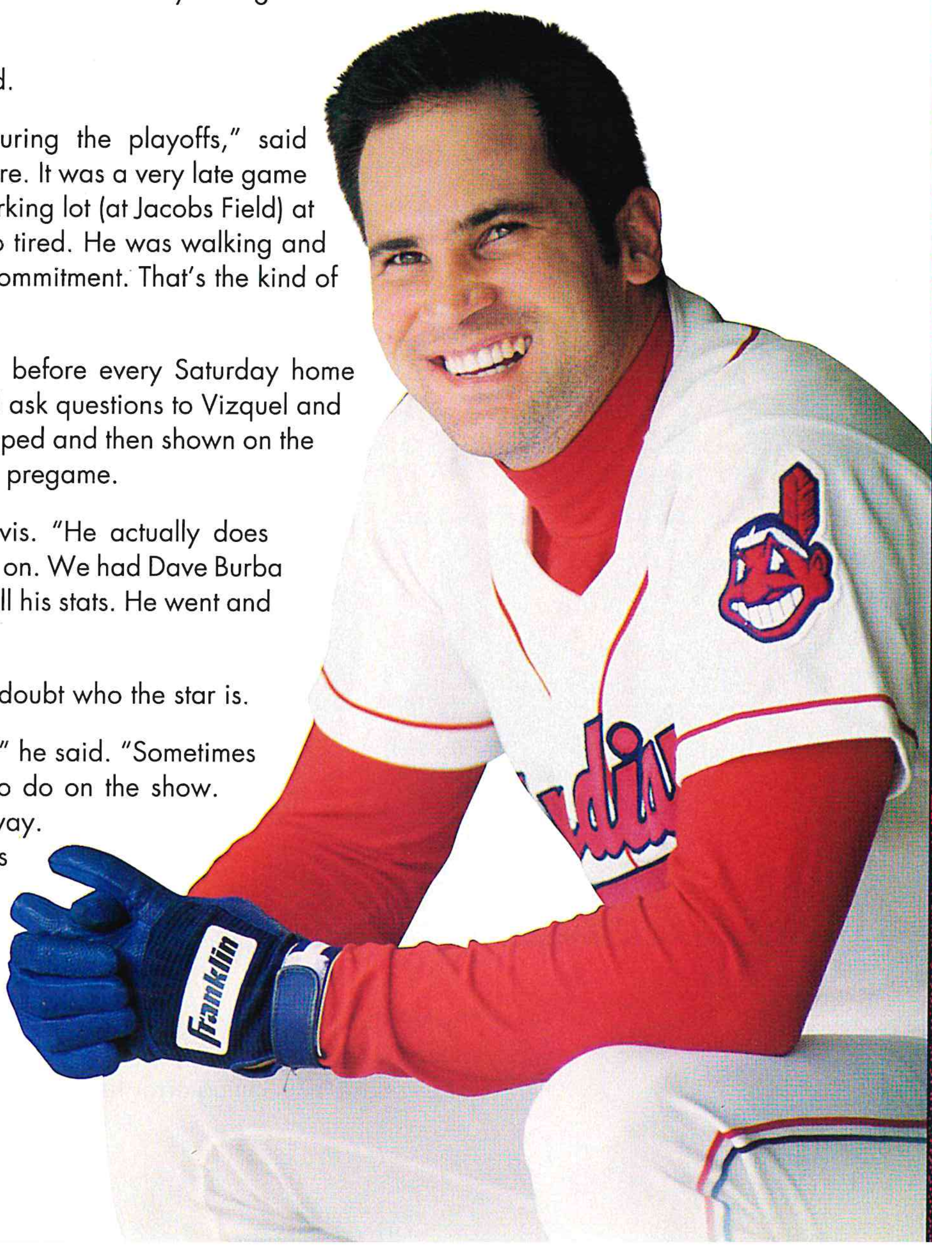
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— Allen Davis
Director of Community Relations

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Vizquel is a go-to guy in good times or bad.

"He made a commitment last season during the playoffs," said Davis. "We had a night game the day before. It was a very late game and we lost. I told him to meet me in the parking lot (at Jacobs Field) at 10:30 a.m. Omar was there. He looked so tired. He was walking and hobbling like an old man, but he kept his commitment. That's the kind of guy he is. He keeps his word."



Davis and Vizquel host **"Omar y amigos"** before every Saturday home game. Children are invited to the show and ask questions to Vizquel and another guest Indians player. The show is taped and then shown on the JumboTron at Jacobs Field during Sunday's pregame.

"Omar's show is so interesting," said Davis. "He actually does research on the players who are going to be on. We had Dave Burba on one show and Omar started rattling off all his stats. He went and looked it all up. I was really impressed."

Davis is the show's emcee, but there's little doubt who the star is.

"I introduce people and go to commercials," he said. "Sometimes I'll give Omar a script on what we want to do on the show. He'll look at it, crumple it up and throw it away. Then he starts to freelance. It really is Omar's personality that drives the show. He comes up with some great lines and the kids say some funny things, too. He loves the show."

Davis said Vizquel is a big help to the Indians young Latin American players.

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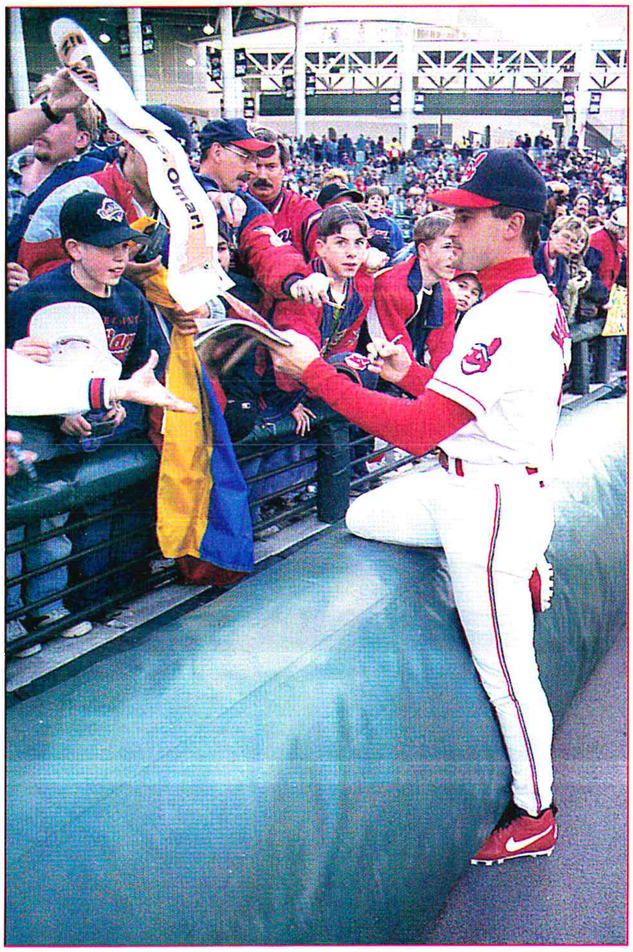
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Omar greeting members of the Roberto Clemente League during a parade (top) and a pregame autograph session (bottom) at Jacobs Field

"One day I was in the clubhouse and he was talking to Enrique Wilson," Davis said. "He was helping Enrique write and read English words. He was telling Enrique to write down words like pants and socks. It was great to see a veteran player reach out to a young kid. That touched me."

Mike Perez, who lives in Caracas, has known Vizquel for twelve years. Perez is a representative for Lineup, a company that promotes baseball in Venezuela. Lineup produces baseball cards, notebooks, posters, and calendars featuring Venezuelan players in the Major and Minor Leagues. Its latest venture is producing radio broadcasts of games back to Venezuela. They were in Cleveland in May to broadcast three games and will be back in town later in June.





Lineup decided to broadcast Indians games for one reason. **If you think Vizquel is popular here, he's even bigger in his native land.**

"Omar is very, very popular down there," said Perez. "Omar and Andres Galarraga (another Venezuelan who plays for the Atlanta Braves) are the tops, but Omar is the one who they follow."

When Vizquel returns home, he gets a greeting like The Beatles did when they first came to America.

"When Omar flies in, he stays at immigration for an hour or an hour-and-a-half signing autographs," said Perez. "He's a very nice guy. He never says 'no' to anybody down there."

Perez said Vizquel does everything he can to help baseball grow in his homeland. "Omar goes out of his way to promote baseball in Venezuela," said Perez. "He gives a lot of his time."

Perez also realizes how big Vizquel has become here.

"Omar is very involved in the Cleveland community," he said. "You look around the ballpark and you see Omar posters and fans with 'Vizquel' shirts on their backs."

Perez and his group visited several other teams at their Spring Training camps. Vizquel's name came up just about everywhere they went.

"When I spent time with the Seattle Mariners, former Indians first baseman Paul Sorrento and Randy Johnson said to me, 'Have you seen Omar? How's he doing?,'" said Perez. "When I saw Matt Williams, former Indians third baseman, now with the Arizona Diamondbacks, he called me over and asked me how Omar was doing. When I went to the San Francisco Giants camp, I saw former Indians hurler Orel Hershiser. He told me how much he enjoyed playing with Omar and what a great shortstop he is. That's unbelievable."

Perez has attended both of the Indians appearances in the World Series. Even though Vizquel was down after Game 7 last year, he took the time to console second baseman Tony Fernandez, whose 11th-inning error helped the Marlins win the game.

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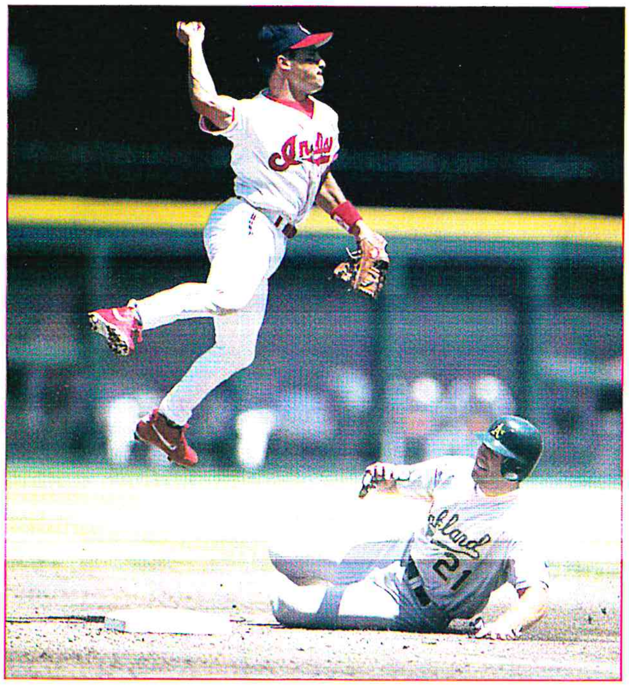
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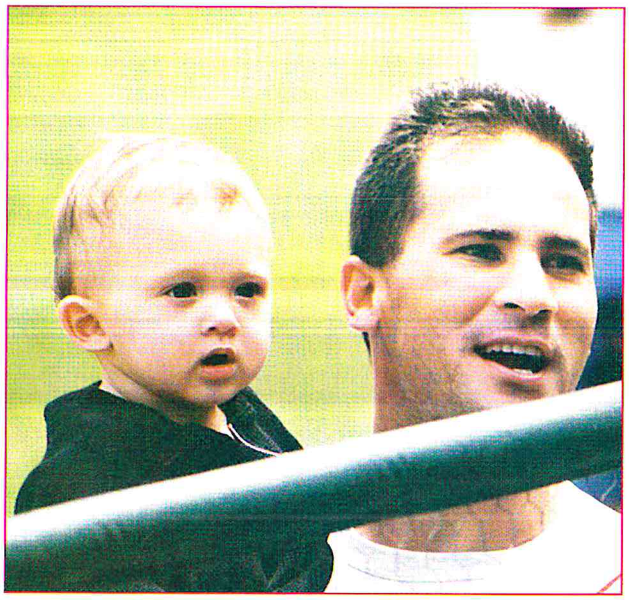
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"They really talked a long time," said Perez. "Omar told Tony, 'No matter what happened, you're the best second baseman I've ever played with.' Tony told me what Omar said to him really cheered him up."

Vizquel has won five straight Gold Gloves and has been a big part of the Indians three consecutive American League Central Division titles and two World Series appearances in the last three years. Despite Vizquel's success, Perez said he hasn't changed a bit.





A leaping double play at second base in progress by Omar (top)
An earlier shot of Omar and son, Nico (bottom)

"He's the same guy he was when I first met him," said Perez. "He's still the same Omar. He worries about his family and his parents. He's always calling his parents to make sure when they're coming to see their grandson."

When Perez was in Cleveland in May, Vizquel gave him a Mother's Day gift and an order.

"He told me as soon as I got home to take this gift over to his parents' house and give it to his mom before Mother's Day," said Perez. "He said, 'Make sure you get it there on time. Don't be late.'"

Thanks to another family member, Vizquel has some competition when Nico is in town. Nico knows his way around Jacobs Field. Before batting practice, father and son can be seen on the field, usually with Nico in the lead and dad in hot pursuit. Following games, Nico is a popular figure as he visits all corners of the clubhouse.

"He's awesome," said Vizquel. "He can shoot a basketball through a hoop. It's hard to have the hand-eye coordination to shoot a basketball or hit a baseball, but he can do it. My mom says he's like me. I think he's going to be a good athlete. He can do everything and he's really active."

Nico is almost like the team mascot.

"We started playing better after Nico got here," said Vizquel. "He's jumping in everybody's locker and throwing shoes all over the place. He helps us out."

Indians fans know all about Vizquel's defense. The bare-handed grabs. The leaping double play turns at second. The running catches in the outfield with his back to home plate. The diving stops in the hole and long throws to first. You name it, Vizquel's done it.

"When he plays winter ball and makes one of those plays, people say, **'That play was worth buying the ticket,'**" said Perez. "He has made people appreciate defense."

Before Perez returned home, he asked someone in the Indians video department if he could put together a tape of Vizquel's top defensive plays.

"He said, 'That's easy,'" said Perez. "He went through two or three games and had four or five plays."

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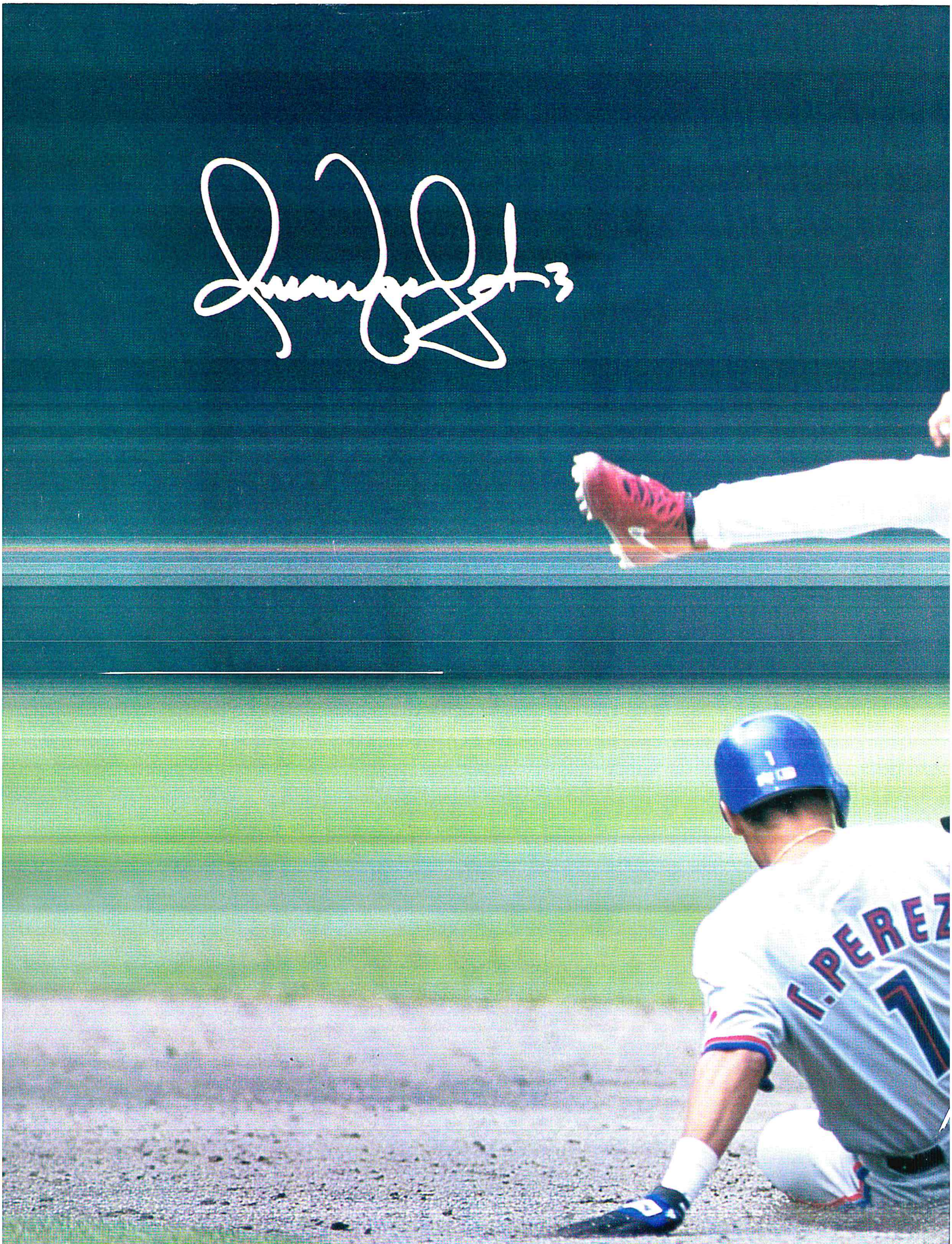
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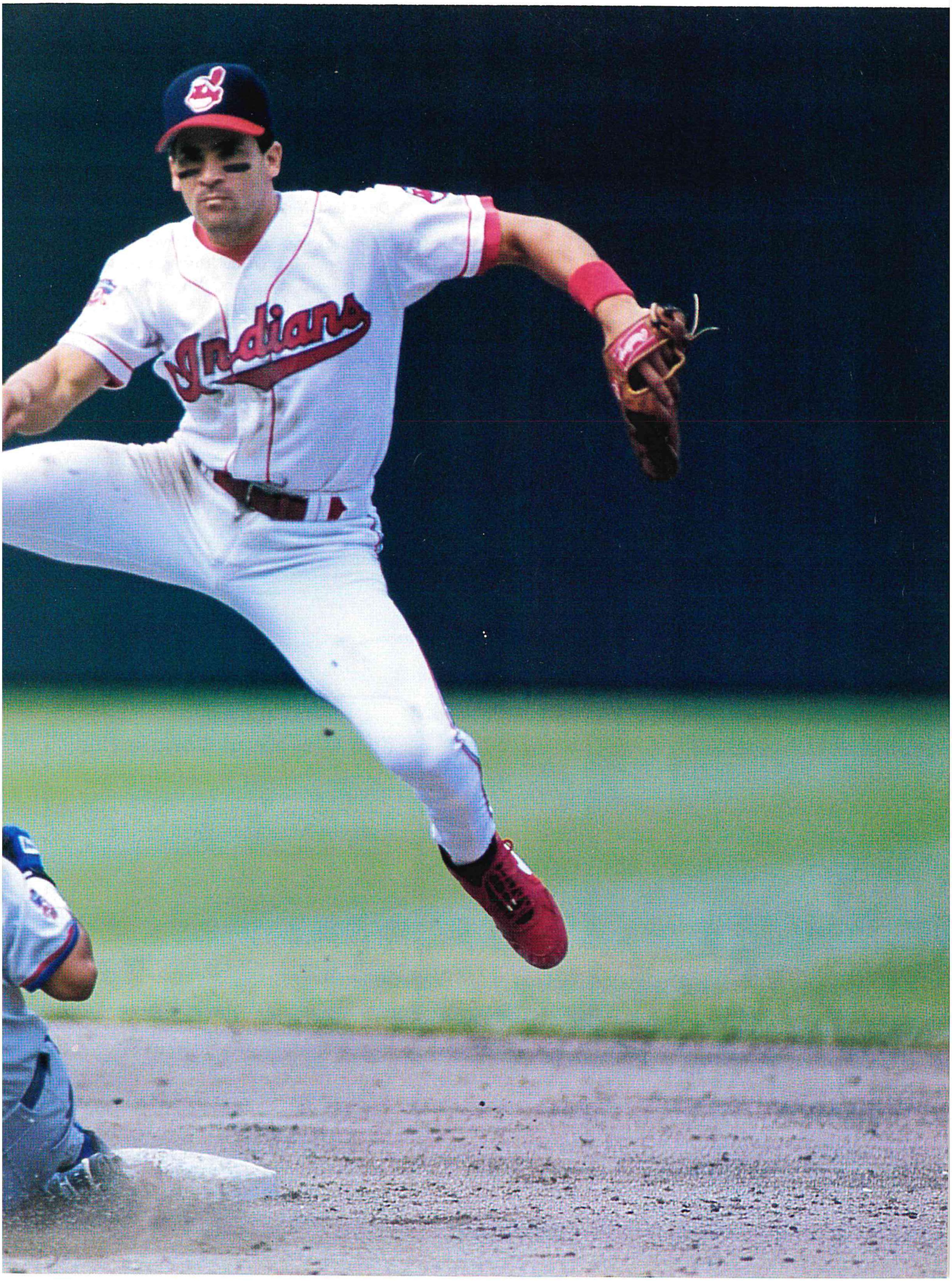
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Vizquel has no explanation for his defensive wizardry.

"I think I was given talent by God," he said. "I've made a lot of plays I never thought I could make."

Davis finds Vizquel a joy to be around.

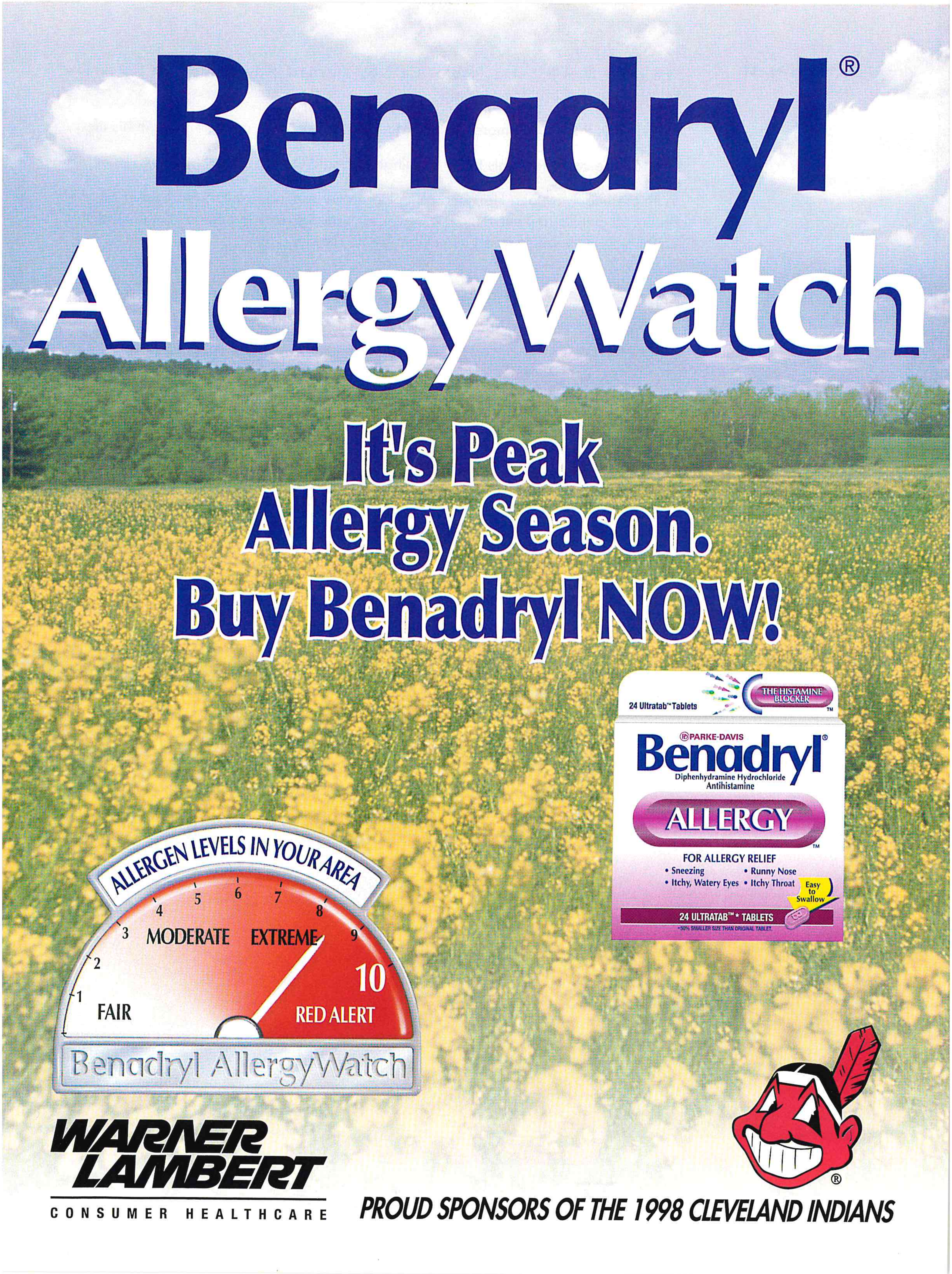
"He loves life," said Allen Davis. "I've seen him in physical pain, but it never, ever changes his outward demeanor. He's never crabby and he never complains. "

Vizquel is already planning activities outside of baseball.

"He told me one time there are a ton of things he wants to do," said Davis. "He definitely is interested in becoming a personality. When his career is over, he wants to get into TV or acting. He wants to do something in the performing arts."

Perez thinks Vizquel may have a future in broadcasting.

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"He really likes it," said Perez. "He'll be the next player who's on ESPN like Harold Reynolds and Joe Morgan."

By the way, there's one more thing Vizquel would like to do at some point in his life.

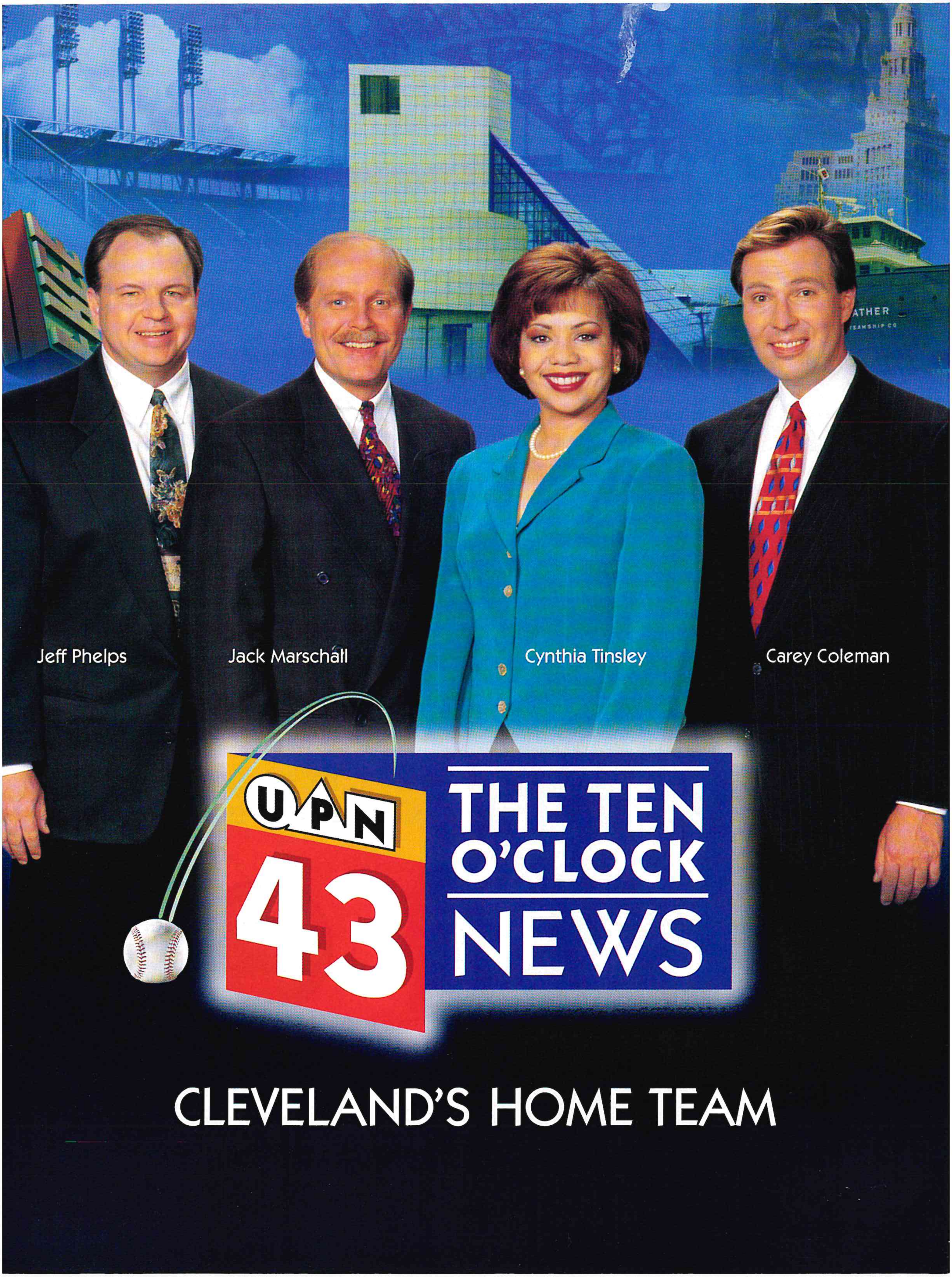
"He told me once he wants to be a bullfighter," said Davis.

With the health of John Hart and Mike Hargrove in mind, it might be best to put that dream off awhile. But one thing is certain — it would give everyone another entertaining Omar story they would surely remember for a long, long time.

And if there's anyone who could bring a big, snorting bull to his knees, it's the ***Indians charismatic shortstop.***






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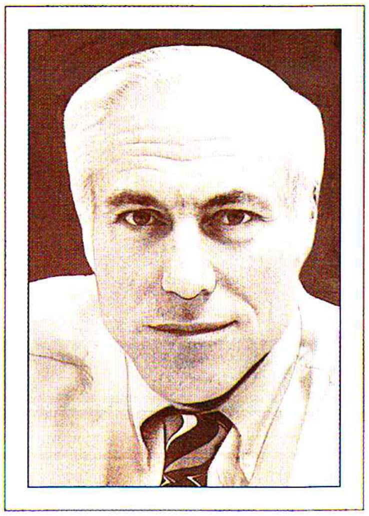


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Hal Lebovitz of the *News* in 1972

Mentors

For Yonkers, Lebovitz, and Heaton, all young reporters in 1948, the veteran writers provided a good example to follow.

"I admired Gordon Cobbledick — the excellent way he wrote his column," says Heaton. "Franklin Lewis wasn't as good as Cobby as a pure writer, but he was a 'digger,' and he'd get lots of information. The older writers were nice and accepted the new guys like Harry Jones and myself. We were all friends working together."

"I had the best teachers in the world — Howard Preston, Ed McAuley, Ed Bang, sports editor emeritus, and my boss, Herman Goldstein, the sports editor and a great guy," recalls Lebovitz. "They all helped me."

"At the *Press*," Yonkers says, "Lewis and Gibbons were great to work with, very helpful. But I considered Ed McAuley and Gordon Cobbledick my mentors. Both of them were very compassionate men."

While Gibbons was in the service, and Yonkers was covering the Indians in his place, McAuley and Cobbledick made sure the young writer got plenty of experience.

"If there was a tough question to ask Lou Boudreau — they had me ask it," Yonkers recalls. "I remember once Ed Klieman was pitching against Chicago and had an 11-0 lead. The White Sox scored three runs in the eighth inning and had two men on base. When Boudreau went to take him out, Klieman stomped around on the mound and made a fuss — he didn't want to come out. Then he stalked off to the dugout.

"Cobbledick turned to McAuley and said, 'Guess who's going to ask Boudreau what happened down there' — meaning me."

Lou and the Boys

As baseball's popularity grew, writing about the game went beyond simple reporting.

"When I came back from the service," Heaton says, "the *Plain Dealer* began doing something different. We hired more people and started going down to the locker room after games to talk to the players. At first, players weren't particularly friendly because they weren't used to it."

But by 1948, Cleveland players had grown more at ease with the attention.

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Attendance	R / H															

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HOW TO SCORE

Baseball fans can enjoy the sport to the fullest extent by keeping track of the game and pinpointing those big plays that bring victory or defeat. All you need is a basic knowledge of the rules.

Although there are countless scoring methods, experts use a simple code based on numbering players by position and tracing action through the use of symbols. It's easy and fun.

In fact, why not devise your own scoring system with the basic suggestions on this page.

One such suggestion on player substitutions is to use a heavy or wavy line under or over a box to indicate a change, either of a player or batter.

If a batter flies to the rightfielder, merely use the figure 9. If it is a foul fly, use 9F.

Now that you are an official "scorer," you can really enjoy baseball games.

TEAM	Pos.	1	2
Rightfielder	9	4-6 W	
2nd Baseman	4	3 ④FO	
1st Baseman	3	=	
Centerfielder	8	SF 8	
Designated Hitter	DH	K	
Leftfielder	7		4-6 —
Catcher	2		DP 4-6-3
3rd Baseman	5		(≣)
Shortstop	6		7
Pitcher	1		
TOTALS R/H		1/1	1/2

Walked and was forced out at second (2nd baseman to shortstop).

Reached first on fielder's choice when runner was forced out, advanced to third on a double by 3rd place hitter, scored on 4th place hitter's sacrifice fly.

Doubled; did not advance further.

Flied out to center field scoring runner on third.

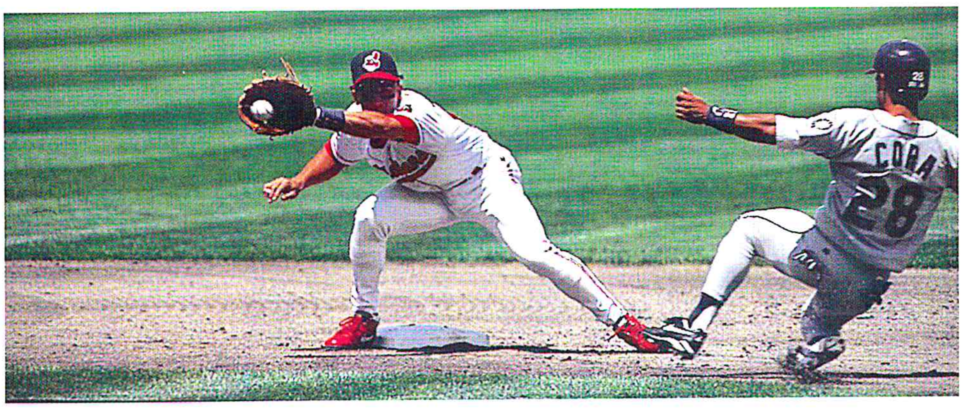
Struck out — end of the inning.

Singled: later forced out at second (2nd baseman to shortstop in first half of double play).

Hit into double play (2nd baseman to shortstop to 1st baseman).

Hit home run.

Flied out to leftfielder — end of inning.



Can You Score This Play ?

The ball was hit to the shortstop, who threw it to the second baseman. The second baseman was able to force out the runner who had been at first. He then threw the ball to the first baseman to get the batter out, turning a double play.

In this example...

The hitter reached first base on a walk, stole second, advanced to third on a pitcher's balk, and scored on a wild pitch.

BK	SB
(WP)	W

Use these SYMBOLS for Plays

Single	—
Double	=
Triple	≡
Home Run	≣
Error	**E**
Foul Fly	**F**
Double Play	**DP**
Fielder's Choice	**FC**
Hit by Pitcher	**HP**
Wild Pitch	**WP**
Stolen Base	**SB**
Sacrifice Hit	**SH**
Sacrifice Fly	**SF**
Caught Stealing	**CS**
Passed Ball	**PB**
Balk	**BK**
Struck Out	**K**
Base on Balls	**BB**
Forced Out	**FO**
Intentional Walk	**IW**

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"I liked Bob Lemon very much," says Lebovitz, "as I did Lou Boudreau, Kenny Keltner, Ray Boone, and Joe Gordon. Jim Hegan and Bob Kennedy were special friends of mine. Dale Mitchell was a good guy, Thurman Tucker — they were all great."

"Jim Hegan was one of the nicest people you'd ever want to meet," says Heaton. "A quiet guy, but he'd talk to you after the game and you'd usually get a good story out of him. Bob Feller was always good. Boudreau was great to talk to because he was a playing manager and in on almost every play. If he wasn't directly involved with the play, he was usually giving signals from the bench right before it happened."



Bob Yonkers (L), Lou Boudreau (R)

Yonkers played Boudreau in all Post Season "Ribs & Roast" dinners staged by the baseball writers in the 1940s and early 50s.

The writers liked Boudreau, despite the rocky start he had with them just after he became manager. During the 1942 Spring Training, he told the reporters to submit their stories for his approval before they appeared in the paper.

Gordon Cobbledick quickly educated Boudreau, saying, "You run the ballclub, we'll write the stories."

As he grew comfortable as manager, Boudreau became friendly with reporters, often inviting them to his hotel room to socialize and play cards.

In 1948, as the pennant race heated up, and the stress on his ballclub intensified, Boudreau made a request of the reporters.

"He had a meeting with the writers," Lebovitz recalls, "and asked us not to go into the clubhouse until 20 minutes after a game. He felt this was a pressure time, and wanted to give the players some quiet moments before answering questions."

For Heaton, the new rule only made his job tougher. "Boudreau knew the *Plain Dealer* had a different deadline than the other papers," he says. "He wouldn't let us in before the other papers, but sometimes, when it got late, he'd forget the rule and wave us all in. He was considerate of our deadlines. I don't think there was a writer who didn't like or appreciate Lou Boudreau."

Like a King

Another person who made the sportswriters' lives easier was team owner Bill Veeck. Not only did he befriend the writers, he also socialized nightly with Cobbledick, Gibbons, McAuley, and their wives as part of a group nicknamed the "Jolly Set" at Gruber's restaurant.

"Veeck treated the writers royally," remembers Yonkers. "So royally that the editors of the newspapers clamped down on the gifts he was giving. One Christmas, he sent all the sports editors each a big TV set, and they thought this was going a little too far."

"Whitey Lewis was told to turn his TV back in and he did," says Heaton, "but when Cobbledick was asked to do the same, he said, 'If you think I can be bought by a television set, you don't want me as sports editor.' Cobby kept it, and that was the end of that."

"Veeck not only provided food for writers in the press box," Yonkers recalls, "he had the 'Wigwam,' a room near his office where you could have anything you wanted to eat or drink at any time of the day or night."

"Bill Veeck," Heaton says, "got the best press coverage any Indians owner ever has."

Unique Experience

When recalling the 1948 season, each fan, player, and writer has their special memories. One that Hal Lebovitz treasures was getting to know a legend — the incomparable Satchel Paige.

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"We had a deal to do a series on Satchel," Lebovitz says. "Ed McAuley was supposed to write it, but Ed had so much to do with writing a column and covering the team, that at the last minute, Nat Howard, the editor of the *News*, asked me to rush to Washington to do it. We were already advertising the series in the paper, and I hadn't even met Satchel yet.

"The series was tough to do because Satchel was a guy who would never keep appointments — I had to track him down everywhere. Many times I'd find him on the trainer's table; other times I had to wait at the Majestic Hotel where he lived, until late at night when he came home."

Lebovitz's efforts were rewarded as circulation climbed during the three weeks the Paige series ran. The 18-part series was later reprinted into a book called *Pitchin' Man*. "The book is pretty much Satchel talking, as it's an 'as told to' book," says Lebovitz. "Remember, we didn't have tape recorders then."



Bob Yonkers (L) Bob Feller (R)
Indians ace pitcher, Bob Feller, being interviewed following a World Series game in *1948*.

Remembering 1948

Some of Charles Heaton's best memories in 1948 were off the field, getting to know the players. "Doing those locker room stories was new for me and new for them," he says. "Back then, I think the players were easier to get to know. They weren't making a lot of money then, and when you took a player out to lunch or dinner, they truly appreciated it."

Heaton cites the injured Lou Boudreau coming off the bench to single and beat the Yankees as his most cherished 1948 on-field memory. Bob Yonkers' most memorable images are also of the Indians player/ manager.

"He was the best hit-and-run batter I've ever seen," Yonkers says. "He was also a perfectionist. When I covered the team during World War II, I remember him being so disenchanted with his wartime teams. But in 1948, he had a ball. Boudreau's clutch hitting was my highlight of the season."

While Hal Lebovitz cites Boudreau's pinch-hit single as an "electric moment," his best 1948 memory came far from the baseball diamond.

"During the playoff game, I was at the office of the *News* putting out the final edition. Ed McAuley was sending us the play-by-play via Western Union Teletype from Boston. I was writing the game story so we could have it in our final edition. I remember my emotions when the Red Sox tied the score, when we went ahead, and when we won — it was just like I was living the game."

Even for the sportswriters, paid to be objective, it was hard not to get caught up in the magic of the Indians last world championship.

"In *1948*," Lebovitz says, "everybody in town had the radio on, every place you went you heard the game. You lived baseball. *It was the most exciting season ever.*"

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By Jim Molony

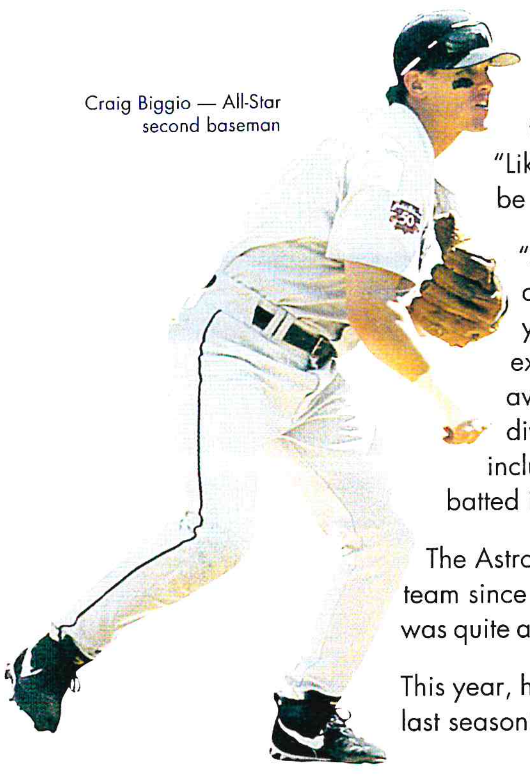
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Owner*

When Harris County voters passed a referendum that would enable the Houston Astros to build a downtown retractable roof stadium in time for the 2000 season, Astros owner Drayton McLane, Jr. knew the final piece of the puzzle was in place for Houston to perhaps become a baseball-crazed city to rival the best in the game.

"You look at what they've done in Cleveland with Jacobs Field, in Denver with Coors Field, and there's no reason to believe we can't do the same thing in Houston," McLane said. "If you put a good product on the field and have a ballpark people are going to want to visit, you can make it an event that will draw fans like they're doing in Cleveland and Denver."

Now that ground has been broken at The Ballpark at Union Station in downtown Houston, the Astros are doing everything they can to make sure they remain National League Central Division title contenders to further build a fan base. With one more year to play in the Astrodome following the 1998 season, the Astros have locked up the nucleus of their top players — a practice first implemented by the Indians — in an effort to ensure the Astros will remain contenders in the foreseeable future.



Craig Biggio — All-Star second baseman

"One of the reasons I stayed was because I love Houston and I am excited about this team," said All-Star second baseman Craig Biggio, who could have signed a free-agent contract for more money elsewhere two years ago, but elected to sign a multi-year deal with the Astros. "Like everybody else I'm curious to see what the new ballpark is going to be like and how the fans will react to it when it opens in a couple of years.

"Another reason I decided to stay was the team. We have the nucleus of a team that can win, and we broke through last year and we're a young enough team where we have a good shot to do it again. We experienced the playoffs last year, this year we'd like to stick around awhile." The 1997 season saw the Houston Astros win not only their first division title in 11 years, but also set several offensive milestones, including the most runs scored in franchise history, the most doubles, runs batted in, and total bases ever recorded by a Houston team.

The Astros, whose 100-hit batters last year was the most by a National League team since 1900, had more base runners than at any time in franchise history. It was quite an offensive display for a franchise known more for pitching than hitting.

This year, however, the Astros believe their offense will be even more prolific than last season's record-setting group.

"I think this is potentially the best offense in the history of this organization," general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. "If we aren't hit with a lot of injuries and the players perform to the level we anticipate, we should score a lot of runs this year."

Manager Larry Dierker agreed.

"We've got four guys who can hit 20 or more homers and six guys with a chance to hit .300," he said. "We've got, in my opinion, the best depth we've had in several years and probably the best group of pinch-hitters this franchise has ever seen. There have been times when other teams would worry about our top five guys and ignore six through eight (in the order). That's not going to be the case this year. We should be able to put up a lineup every day with eight guys that can beat you."



Manager Larry Dierker

Hunsicker's and Dierker's optimism is founded, in part, on the returning cast that led last year's offensive onslaught and on the off-season acquisitions that have given the National League Central Division champions one of the most formidable lineups in baseball.

Management's optimism appears to have been well-founded. By the first week of May the Astros were in first place and already had eight players with 10 or more runs batted in. The team was averaging 5.9 runs per game.

Joining Jeff Bagwell (.286, 40 homers, 135 RBI last year), Biggio (.309, 22, 81) and Derek Bell (.276, 15, 71) in the starting lineup is leftfielder Moises Alou (.292, 23, 115), acquired in a trade from the World Champion Florida Marlins during the off-season.

"Adding Moises gives us another home-run threat in the lineup besides Bagwell which should help not only Jeff but Derek as well," Dierker said. "When Derek or Baggy slumped last year teams had an easier time going through our order. With Moises hitting behind them they're going to see more fastballs. I look for all three of them to have good years at the plate."

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Alou, who established career highs in seven offensive categories last season, is looking forward to hitting fifth in the Houston order behind Biggio, third basemen Bill Spiers or Sean Berry, Bagwell, and Bell.

"When you look at the guys we have playing every day you can see why people think we're going to score a lot of runs," Alou said. "I think it will be a lot of fun. So far we've shown we've got a very good offensive team and we don't have everybody really going right now. Once that happens, it should be something (to see)."

Alou's presence may be the most significant factor in the increased optimism in the Houston camp, but it is not the only factor. For the first time in two years Berry, who was limited to only 301 at bats last year, after hitting .281 with 15 homers and 95 RBI in 1996, is completely healthy.



Leftfielder Moises Alou

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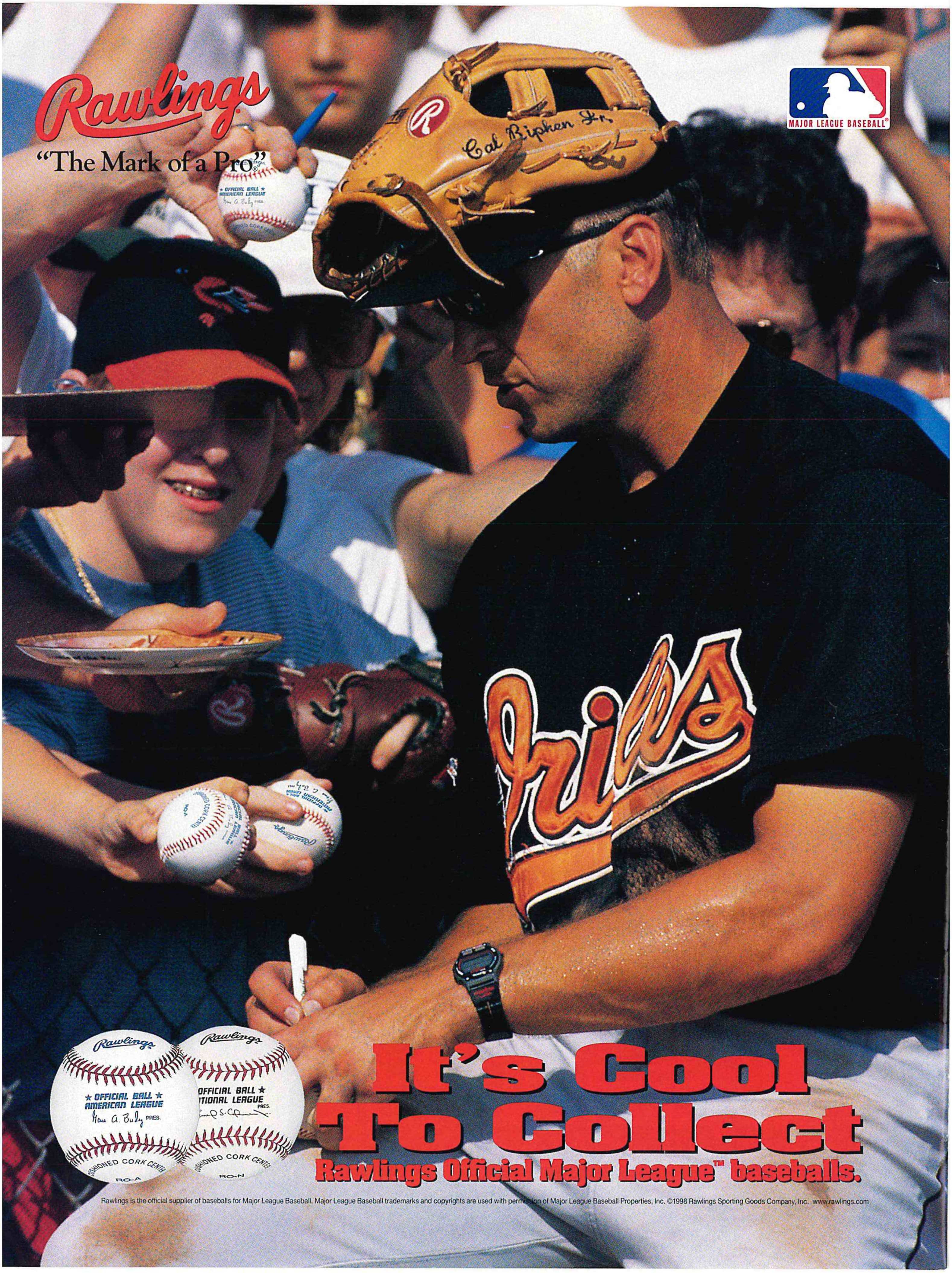
Infielder Sean Berry

"I resigned with Houston because I want to show people that I am still an everyday player and because I like Houston and I think we have an excellent chance to win this year," Berry said. "I really believe we're going to have a better team this year than we did last year."

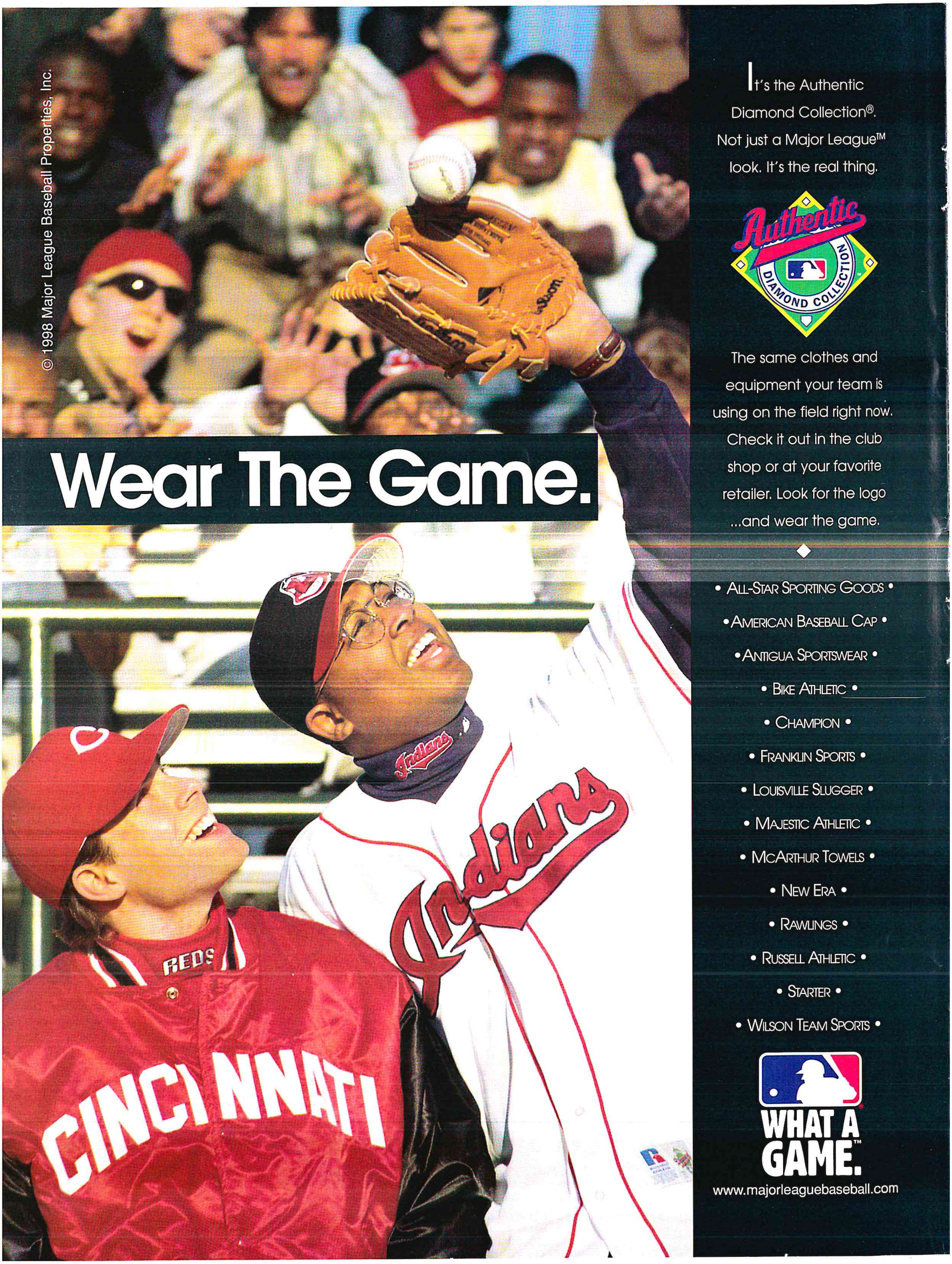
Hunsicker also added switch-hitting outfielder Carl Everett, who hit 14 homers, drove in 57 runs, and stole seven bases for the Mets last year, pinch-hitter deluxe Dave Clark (.301 for the Cubs) and the left-handed hitting third baseman Jack Howell (.259, 14 homers, 35 RBI for the Angels last year). A healthy Tony Eusebio, in addition to Clark and Howell, should give the Astros a formidable bench.

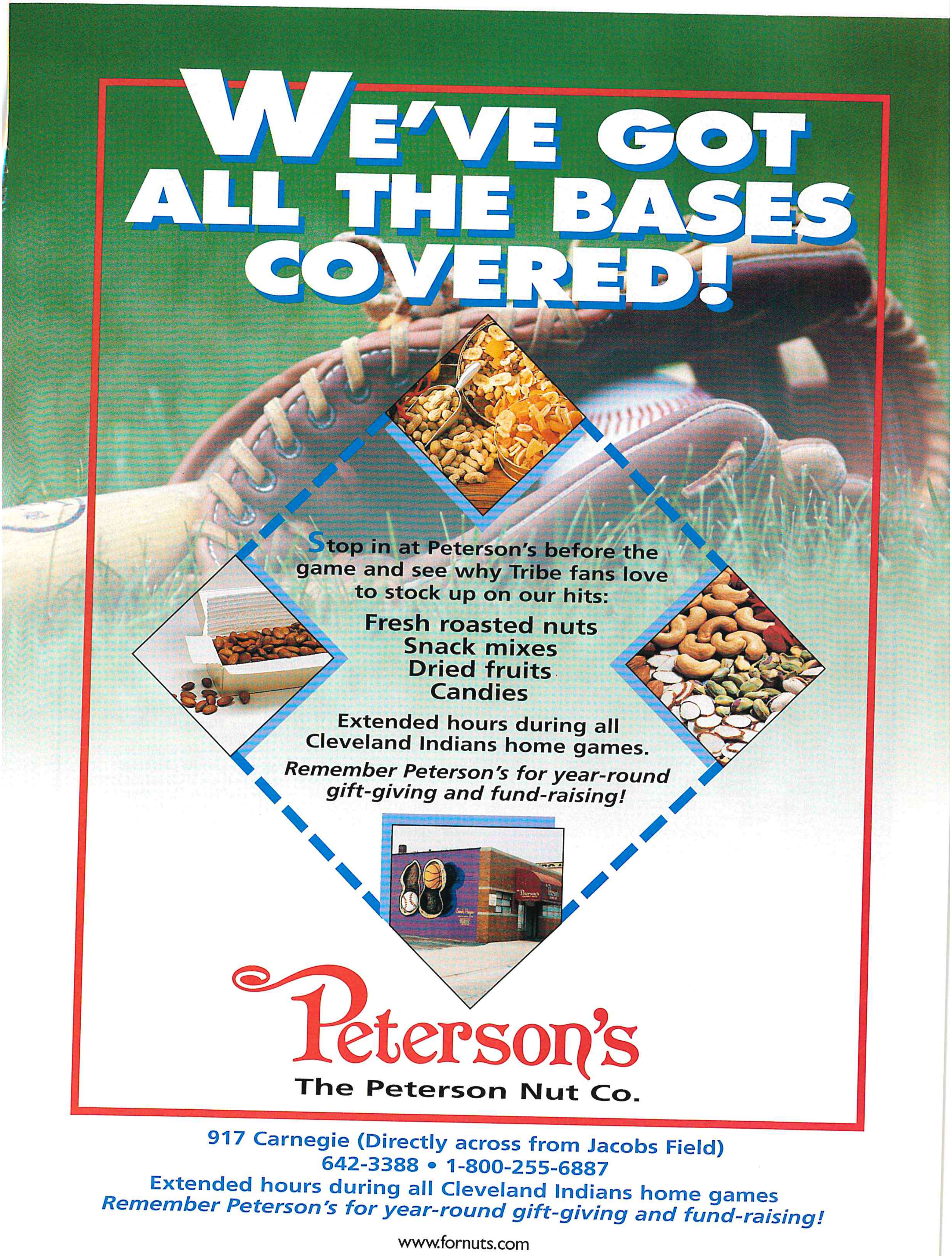
"I think we'll be able to do a lot of things late in the game as far as strategy that this club hasn't been able to do for some time because of the depth problem," Dierker said. "With the quality of people we picked up we'll also be able to rest our starters more, which is something we weren't able to do in the past and I think that hurt us late in the year the last three years."

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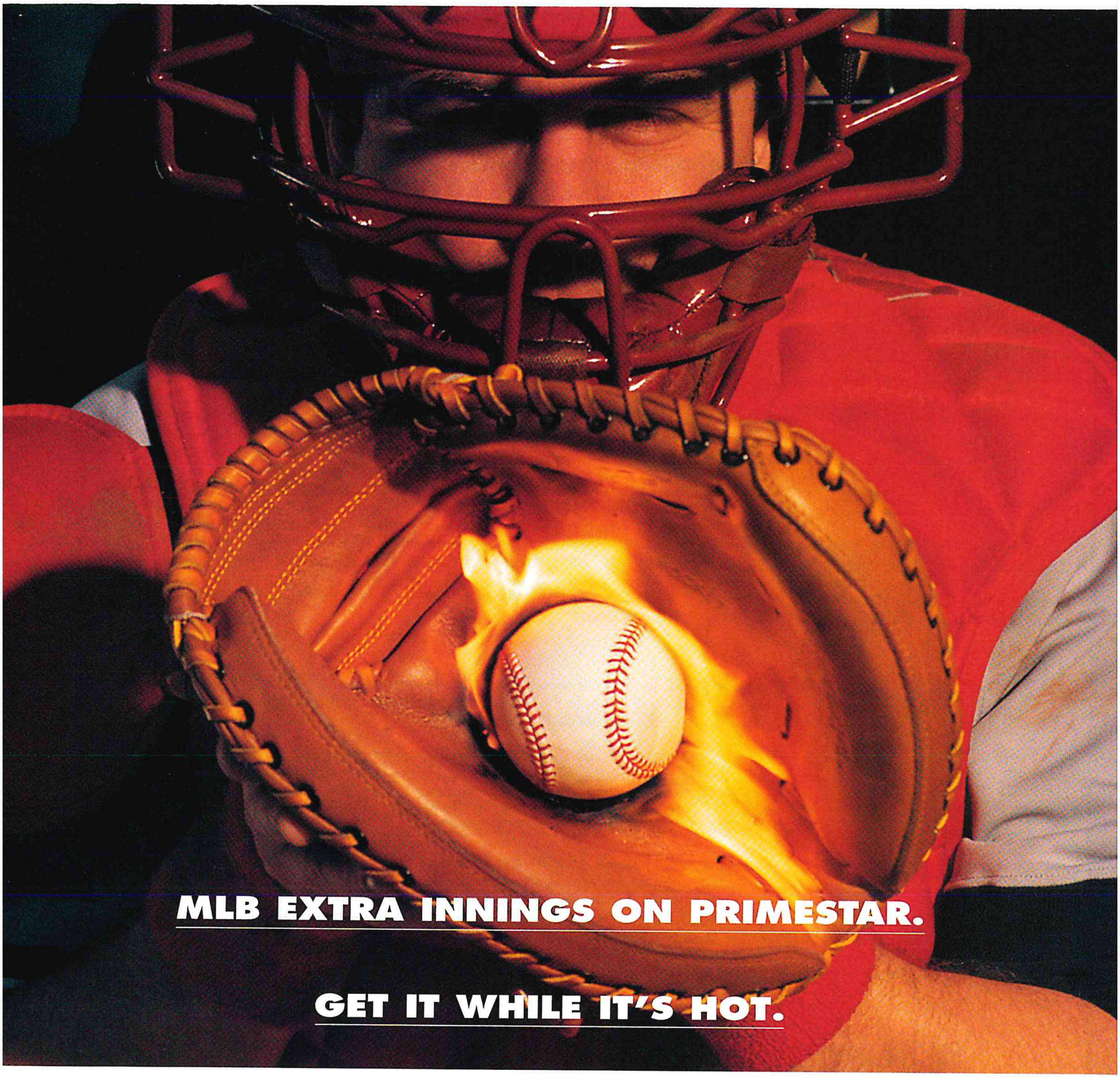


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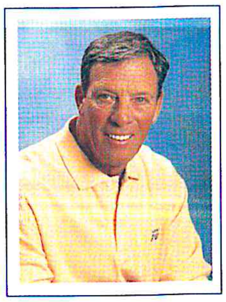


TOM HAMILTON, who will enter his ninth season of calling Cleveland Indians baseball games on radio in 1998, becomes the new "Voice of the Indians" after the retirement of the legendary HERB SCORE. In his eight seasons, Hamilton has called 37 post season games for the Tribe from 1994-97 including all six (6) games from the 1995 World Series and all seven (7) games from the 1997 World Series.

Hamilton will be joined in the booth by Mike Hegan and Dave Nelson to provide commentary for all 162 regular season games, as well as 23 Spring Training contests. Catch all the action on **SportsRADIO WKNR 1220** on the AM dial, and on the entire Cleveland Indians Radio Network.

Tom came to the Indians after spending three seasons as a broadcaster for the AAA Columbus Clippers, the top farm club of the New York Yankees. Previously, Tom worked in Milwaukee, Appleton, Watertown, and Shell Lake, Wisconsin. Some of his broadcasting credits include the University of Wisconsin football games, University of Colorado basketball games, the Appleton Foxes Minor League baseball games, and work for ABC radio. During the off-season, Tom does television basketball broadcasts for the Big Ten Conference on ESPN.

Hamilton is a native of Waterloo, WI. He resides in Avon Lake, OH with his wife, Wendy. The Hamilton's have four children: Two sons, Nicholas and Bradley, and two daughters, Kelsey and Katie.

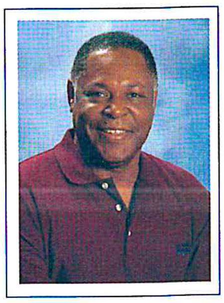


MIKE HEGAN is in his tenth season as a Tribe broadcaster in 1998, teaming up with Tom Hamilton and Dave Nelson in the Indians radio booth as well as with Jack Corrigan on 75 games that will be broadcast by **WUAB Channel 43**.

Hegan will handle both play-by-play and color analysis on the Indians Radio Network during 1998 Indians games which WUAB Channel 43 is not televising. Hegan will fill the analyst role when teamed with Tom Hamilton in the radio booth and will call play-by-play action when teamed with Dave Nelson. During WUAB Channel 43 games Hegan will still handle television duties with his longtime partner JACK CORRIGAN.

Mike came to the Indians in 1989 after 12 seasons as a Milwaukee Brewers television announcer. Prior to his broadcasting career, Hegan played 12 years in the Major Leagues (1964-77) with the New York Yankees, Seattle Pilots, Milwaukee Brewers and the Oakland A's. The former first baseman-outfielder represented Seattle in the 1969 All-Star Game and played on the 1972 World Championship Oakland A's team. Mike is the son of former Indians catcher, Jim Hegan, who played with the Tribe for 14 seasons.

Mike and his wife, Nancy, reside in Hilton Head, SC. They have two sons, Shawn and J.J.



DAVE NELSON begins his first season as a member of the Tribe radio broadcast team alongside Tom Hamilton. Davey returns to the radio booth after spending two seasons on WGN-AM broadcasting Chicago Cubs games in 1988-89.

Nelson has been affiliated with the organization since 1992, spending six seasons as Mike Hargrove's first base and base running coach from 1992-97. He began his coaching career in 1981 in the same position with the Chicago White Sox. He remained with the White Sox from 1981-84 and served as the White Sox' roving Minor League infield and base running instructor in 1985. He spent two seasons with the Oakland Athletics (1986-87) as Director of Instruction before joining the Cubs broadcast team with Harry Caray and Dewayne Staats.

Davey enjoyed a 14-year professional playing career, spending 10 seasons in the big leagues. He started his professional career in 1964 in the Indians organization and made his Major League debut with the Tribe in 1968. After two seasons with the Tribe at the big league level he moved on to the Washington Senators in 1970. His top base stealing campaign was in 1972 when he registered 51 steals, just one off Bert Campaneris' AL-leading total of 52. The 1973 A.L. All-Star compiled a career average of .244 (630-2578) with 187 steals in 813 big league games from 1968-77.

David Earl Nelson, who is single, resides in Haines City, FL and has one son, David Harrison.

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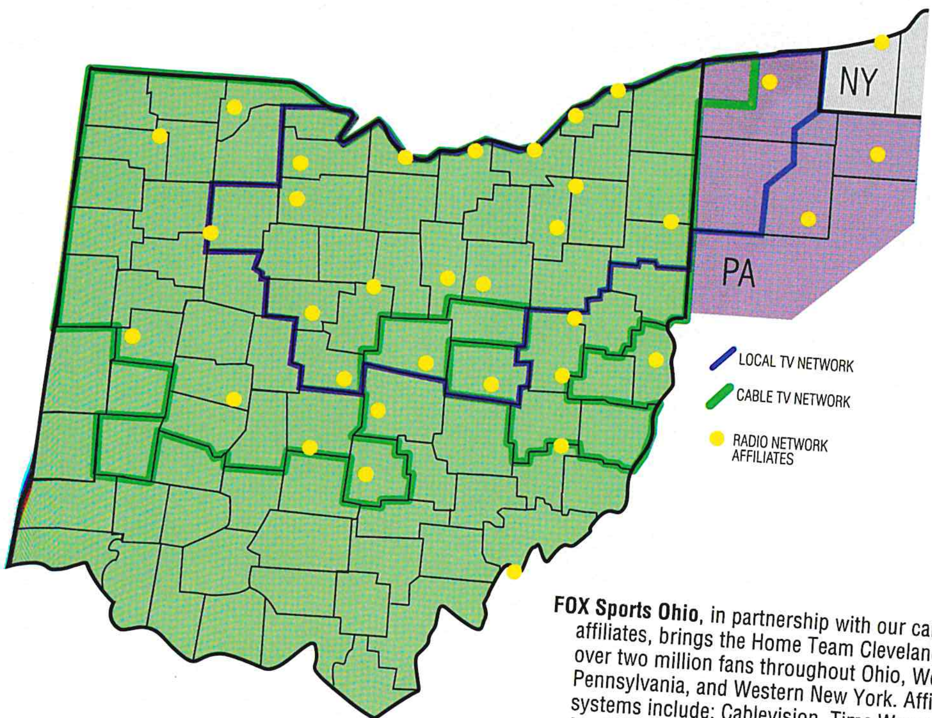
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Station	OHIO	AM Frequency
WAKR-AM	Akron, OH	1590
WFUN-AM	Ashtabula, OH	970
WBLL-AM	Bellefontaine, OH	1390
WQCT-AM	Bryan, OH	1520
WHBC-AM	Canton, OH	1480
WKNR-AM	Cleveland, OH	1220
WMNI-AM	Columbus, OH	920
WDLR-AM	Delaware, OH	1550
WJER-AM	Dover, OH	1450
WEOL-AM	Elyria, OH	930
WFIN-AM	Findlay, OH	1330
WFOB-AM	Fostoria, OH	1430
WLOH-AM	Lancaster, OH	1320
WMAN-AM	Mansfield, OH	1400
WMRN-AM	Marion, OH	1490
WUCO-AM	Marysville, OH	1270
WMVO-AM	Mount Vernon, OH	1300
WCLT-AM	Newark, OH	1430
WBKC-AM	Painesville, OH	1460
WLEC-AM	Sandusky, OH	1450
WCWA-AM	Toledo, OH	1230
WBTC-AM	Urichsville, OH	1540
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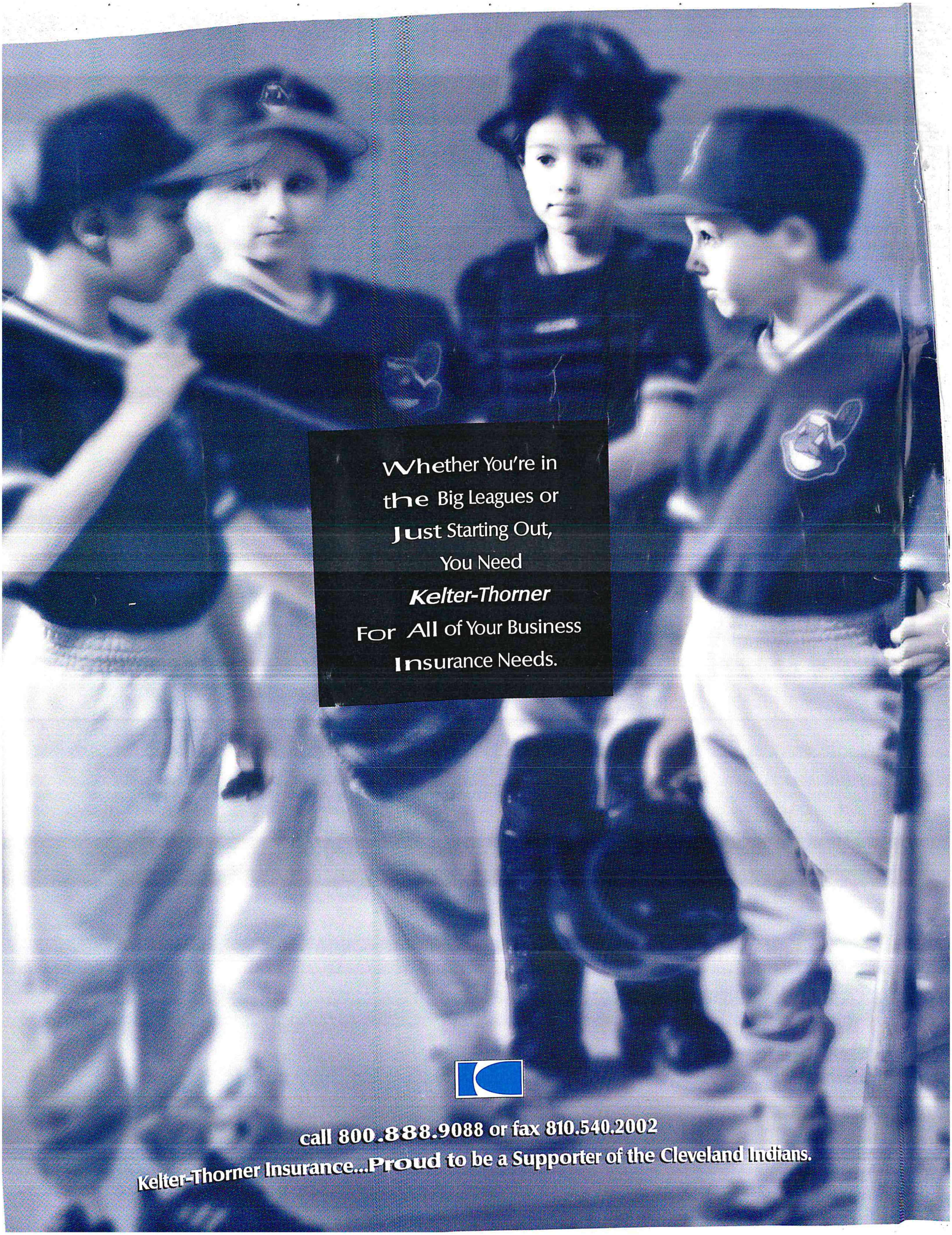
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WBNO-FM	Bryan, OH	100.9
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WJAW-FM	McConnelsville, OH	101.0
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WQKT-FM	Wooster, OH	104.5
WYBZ-FM	Zanesville, OH	107.3
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WRIE-AM	Erie, PA	1260
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Sat, Mar 21st	vs.	Philadelphia	1:00p.m.
Sun, Mar 22nd	vs.	Florida Marlins	1:00p.m.

APRIL

Fri, April 3rd	at	Anaheim	10:00p.m.
Sat, April 4th	at	Anaheim	10:00p.m.
Sun, April 5th	at	Anaheim	4:00p.m.
Fri, April 10th		ANAHEIM	1:00p.m.
Tue, April 14th		SEATTLE	7:00p.m.
Sat, April 18th	at	Boston	1:00p.m.
Sun, April 19th	at	Boston	1:00p.m.
Thu, April 23rd		WHITE SOX	7:00p.m.
Sat, April 25th		BOSTON	1:00p.m.
Sun, April 26th		BOSTON	1:00p.m.
Mon, April 27th	at	White Sox	8:00p.m.
Tue, April 28th	at	White Sox	8:00p.m.
Thu, April 30th		OAKLAND	7:00p.m.

MAY

Sat, May 2nd		TAMPA BAY	1:00p.m.
Thu, May 7th	at	Texas	8:30p.m.
Fri, May 8th	at	Texas	8:30p.m.
Sat, May 9th	at	Boston	1:00p.m.
Mon, May 11th	at	Tampa Bay	7:00p.m.
Tue, May 12th	at	Tampa Bay	7:00p.m.
Thu, May 14th	at	Baltimore	7:00p.m.
Sat, May 16th		TEXAS	1:00p.m.
Sun, May 17th		TEXAS	1:00p.m.
Tue, May 19th	at	Kansas City	8:00p.m.
Mon, May 25th		DETROIT	1:00p.m.
Thu, May 28th	at	Toronto	7:00p.m.
Fri, May 29th	at	Toronto	7:00p.m.
Sat, May 30th	at	Toronto	4:00p.m.
Sun, May 31st	at	Toronto	1:00p.m.

JUNE

Mon, June 1st	at	Detroit	7:00p.m.
Tue, June 2nd	at	Detroit	7:00p.m.
Thu, June 4th	at	Minnesota	8:00p.m.
Sun, June 7th	at	Cincinnati	1:00p.m.
Fri, June 12th	at	New York	7:30p.m.
Sun, June 14th	at	New York	1:30p.m.
Mon, June 22nd	at	Chicago Cubs	8:00p.m.
Tue, June 23rd	at	Chicago Cubs	2:00p.m.
Sun, June 28th		HOUSTON	1:00p.m.
Tue, June 30th	at	Milwaukee	8:00p.m.



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JULY

Thu, July 2nd	vs.	Milwaukee	7:00p.m.
Fri, July 3rd	at	Kansas City	8:00p.m.
Sat, July 4th	at	Kansas City	8:00p.m.
Sun, July 5th	at	Kansas City	2:00p.m.
Thu, July 9th		MINNESOTA	7:00p.m.
Sun, July 12th		MINNESOTA	1:00p.m.
Mon, July 13th		NEW YORK	7:00p.m.
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Fri, July 17th	at	White Sox	8:00p.m.
Sun, July 19th	at	White Sox	2:00p.m.
Mon, July 20th	at	White Sox	8:00p.m.
Thu, July 23rd		DETROIT	7:00p.m.
Sun, July 26th		DETROIT	1:00p.m.
Thu, July 30th	at	Seattle	10:00p.m.
Fri, July 31st	at	Oakland	10:30p.m.

AUGUST

Sat, Aug 1st	at	Oakland	4:00p.m.
Sun, Aug 2nd	at	Oakland	4:00p.m.
Mon, Aug 3rd	at	Anaheim	10:00p.m.
Fri, Aug 7th	at	Tampa Bay	7:00p.m.
Sat, Aug 8th	at	Tampa Bay	6:30p.m.
Sun, Aug 9th	at	Tampa Bay	1:30p.m.
Thu, Aug 20th	at	Texas	8:30p.m.
Fri, Aug 21st	at	Baltimore	7:30p.m.
Sun, Aug 23rd	at	Baltimore	1:30p.m.
Thur, Aug 27th		SEATTLE	7:00p.m.

SEPTEMBER

Thu, Sep 3rd	at	Detroit	7:00p.m.
Fri, Sep 4th	at	Detroit	7:00p.m.
Sat Sep 5th	at	Detroit	7:00p.m.
Sun, Sep 6th	at	Detroit	1:00p.m.
Mon, Sep 7th	at	Toronto	1:00p.m.
Sun, Sep 13th		WHITE SOX	1:00p.m.
Sun, Sep 20th		KANSAS CITY	1:00p.m.
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Thu, Sep 24th	at	Minnesota	8:00p.m.
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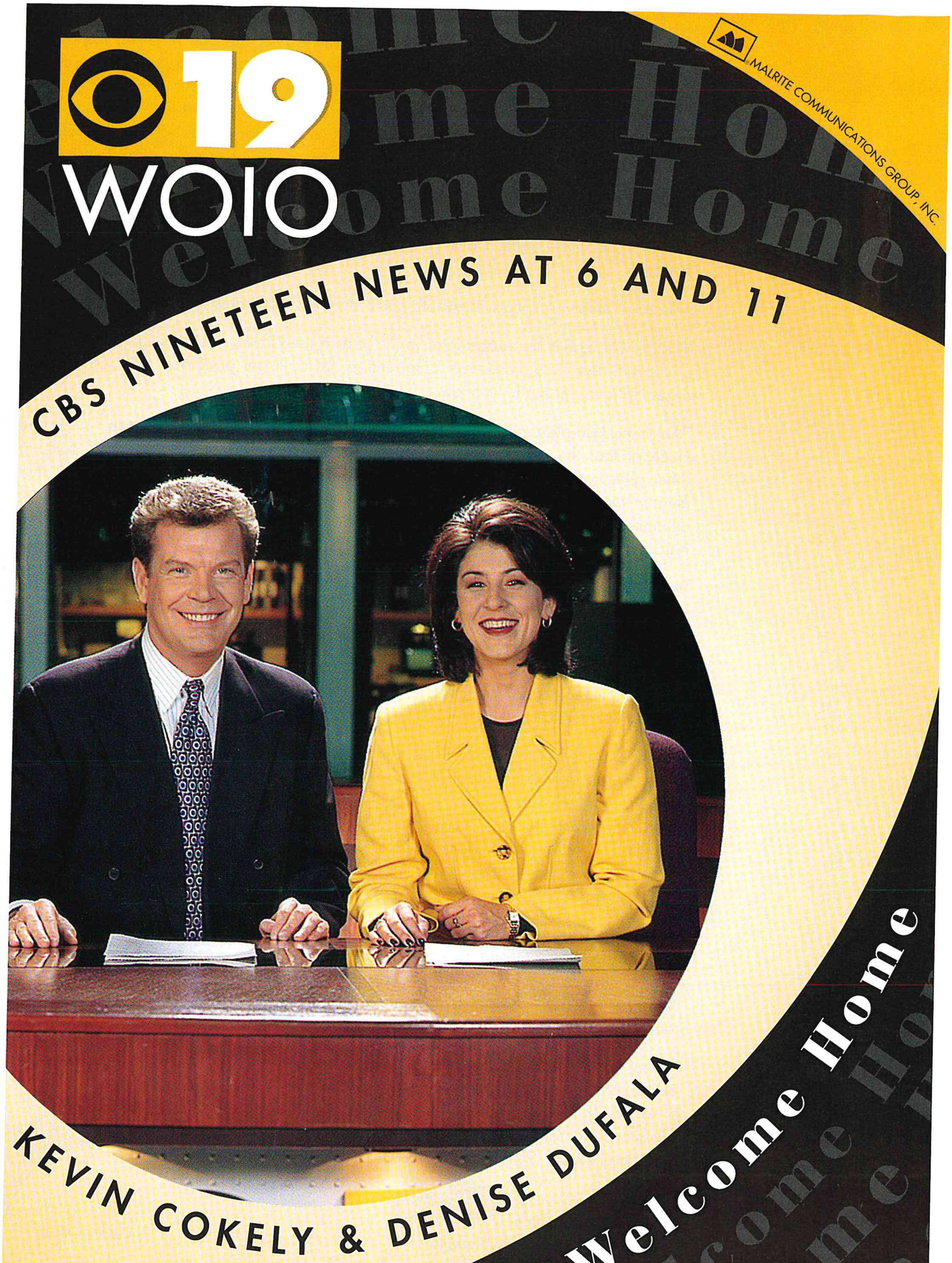
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The Pirates Fab Five are Ramirez (No. 5), a third baseman who batted .278 with 29 homers and 114 RBI at Class A Lynchburg last season; Benson (No. 7), the former first overall draft pick who was 8-7 in his first Minor League season; Hermansen (No. 13), a 1995 first-rounder who batted .275 with 20 homers and 70 RBI at Class AA Carolina in 1997; Nunez (No. 65), a slick-fielding shortstop acquired in a trade with Toronto; and Wallace (No. 90), a hard-throwing left-handed reliever obtained in a trade with Kansas City.

Ramirez, Hermansen, Benson, and Nunez opened the 1998 season at Class AAA Nashville and are joined by Ron Wright, a power-hitting first baseman. Wallace will miss the entire season after undergoing reconstructive surgery on his left elbow in March.

Several of these prospects, if not all, could be wearing Pirates uniforms by September.

Martin, who could be traded later in the year if the Pirates decide to give Hermansen a shot in left field, believes competition from these prospects will benefit the organization over the long haul.

"Any time you play sports you look over your shoulder a bit. There hasn't been too much of that the past couple of years here, but this year we've got guys pushing other guys," Martin said during Spring Training. "Competition is good, I think that means we're heading in the right direction. We just have to stay positive and continue doing the things that got us this far. That means playing hard and working hard every day."

Before the start of the season, Bonifay was quick to tell anyone who would listen the surprise showing in 1997 would not accelerate the Pirates five-year plan.

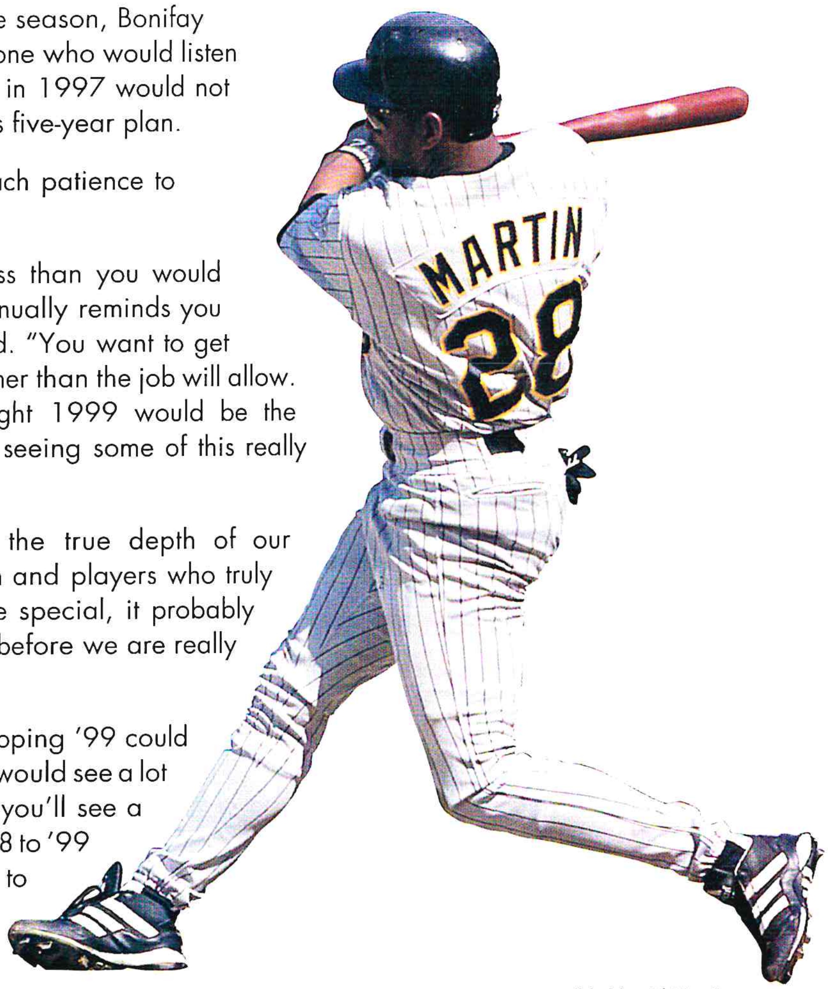
He continues to preach patience to the Pirates faithful.

"It's a slower process than you would hope. Baseball continually reminds you of that," Bonifay said. "You want to get somewhere a lot sooner than the job will allow. Originally, we thought 1999 would be the year we would start seeing some of this really push forward.

"But in looking at the true depth of our Minor League system and players who truly have a chance to be special, it probably won't be until 2001 before we are really ready.

"In my mind, I was hoping '99 could be the year we really would see a lot of results, but I think you'll see a subtle change from '98 to '99 and moreso from '99 to 2000.

"It's going to be a little slower evolution than we thought."



Leftfielder Al Martin

Beatwriter Joe Rutter covers the Pirates for the Pittsburgh Tribune Review.

IN THE COMMUNITY

FIELD OF DREAMS IN ITS THIRD YEAR

Major League Baseball, **True Value Hardware, Cleveland Jaycees,** and the Cleveland Indians have teamed up for the third consecutive year to renovate Little League baseball fields in the Cleveland area. The "Field of Dreams" program is an innovative community service program to provide children with a safe, clean environment in which to play baseball. True Value provides the equipment and supplies to rebuild the fields, while the Jaycees provide the labor management and product distribution. The Indians assist in the selection of the fields. This year, five fields have been selected: three at Forest Hills Park in East Cleveland, one at Brookside Park in Cleveland, and the Boys & Girls Clubs field at the West Side Club on Trowbridge Avenue. In the past two years, a total of 12 fields have been renovated in Cleveland. Most of the work is done on weekends, with field renovations scheduled to be completed in time for the start of Little League seasons in the area.

CLEVELAND JAYCEES



LAS VEGAS COMES TO JACOBS FIELD

Cleveland Indians Charities is pleased and excited to announce the first-ever Cleveland Indians Charities Las Vegas Night at Jacobs Field. It will be a black tie event featuring dancing on the field, casino gambling, dinner, and a jazz band in the Terrace Club. Celebrity Hosts of the event will be our very own Indians players and their wives! It promises to be a fun experience for everyone, while supporting a worthy cause. Date for the event is Saturday, August 15 from 7:00 p.m. to midnight. For more information please call the Indians Community Relations Department at **(216) 420-4400.**

Credit: Tony Gray



SOFTBALL CLINICS AT JACOBS FIELD

This year the Indians are expanding their youth baseball programs to include **Girls Softball Clinics.** In conjunction with the Girls Scouts of Lake Erie Council, the Indians will host a beginners fast-pitch clinic and an intermediate/advanced clinic at Jacobs Field. The head clinician will be Cleveland State University Women's Head Softball Coach Julie Jones. Participants will practice fielding, hitting, pitching, base running, and also participate in a fit and healthy lifestyles session. In addition, the Tribe will treat the girls to an Indians game later in the week. To sign up for these inaugural softball clinics, please call the Girlsports Division of the Girl Scouts of Lake Erie Council at **(216) 481-1313.**

CLEVELAND Indians CHARITIES

GET A PIECE OF THE PARK

Various streetpole banners from the 1995, 1996, and 1997 seasons are available for purchase from Cleveland Indians Charities.

These streetpole banners are the very same ones which have decorated the streets surrounding Jacobs Field over the past championship seasons. For information on purchasing these banners, please call **(216) 420-4400.**



St. Louis Con't from Pg. 42

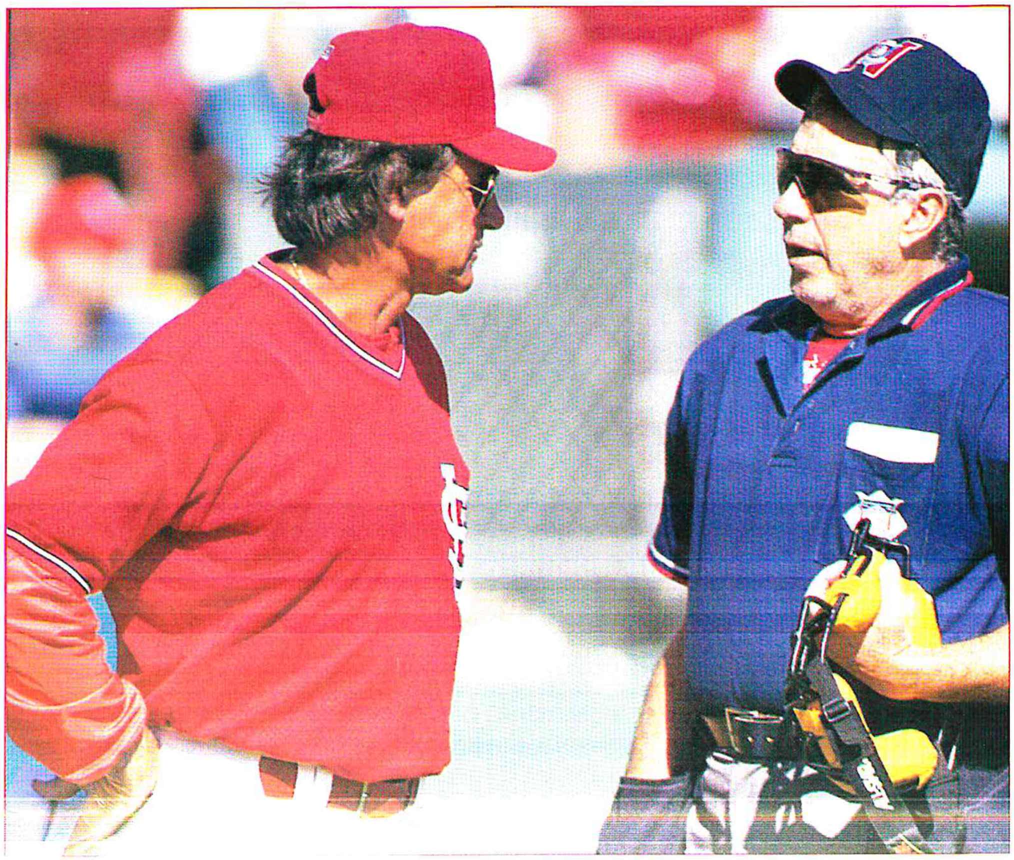


Photo Credit: Dan Donovan

Manager Tony LaRussa

"We have really athletic skills at second and short, with Delino and Royce," La Russa said. "Those guys were really complete players last year — good strokes, really good legs. Royce is multi-skilled; he's at the right time of his career. Delino proved last year he's a dynamite igniter-type on offense.

"So it's a major source of strength on our club."

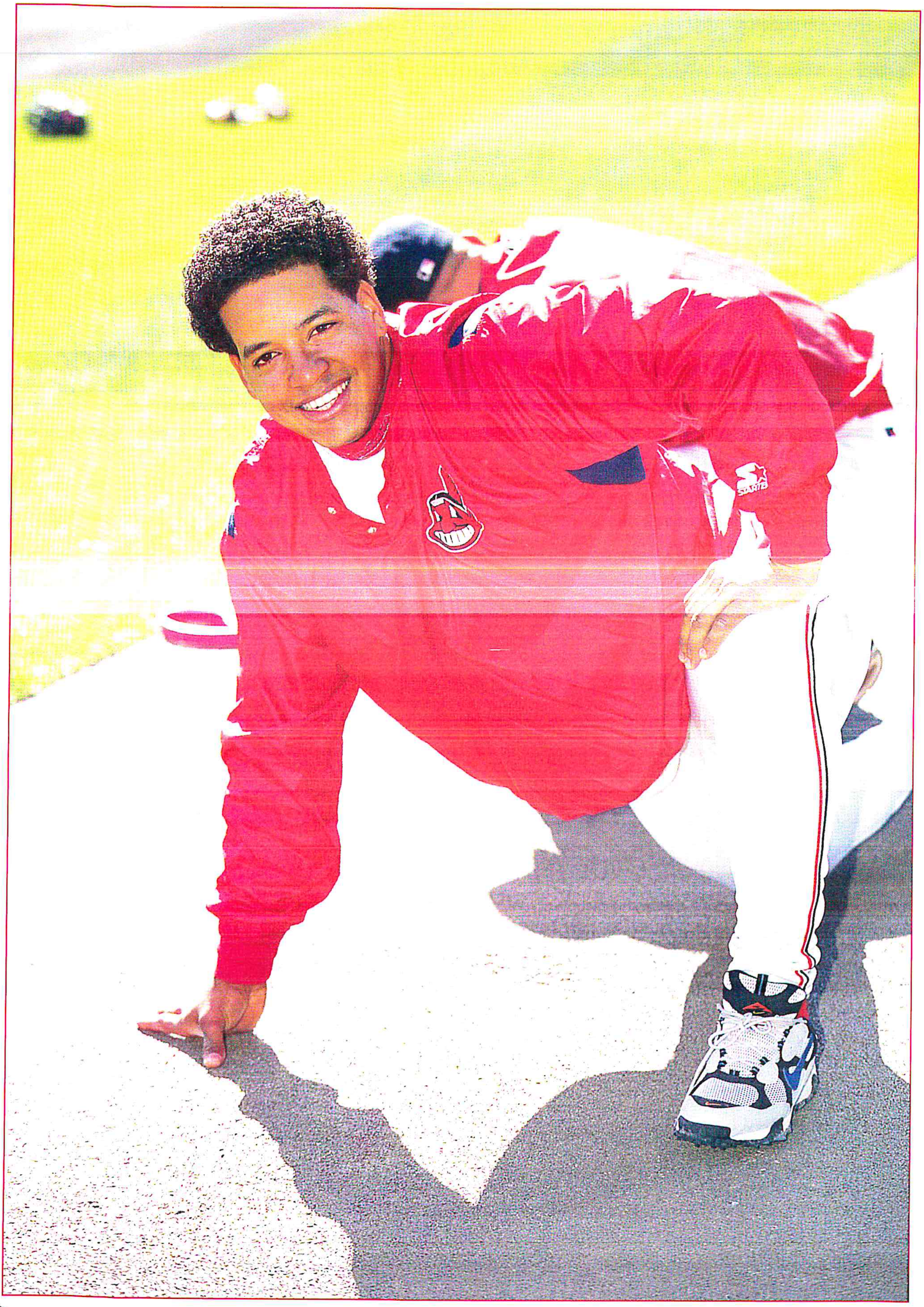
The Cardinals, for all their imposing bats in the lineup, were hit by injuries and key departures in the pitching staff over the winter and this spring. Andy Benes left for the Arizona Diamondbacks, his younger brother Alan is recovering from shoulder surgery last summer, and Morris battled a sore shoulder this spring.

What's more, closer Dennis Eckersley left for Boston to pitch closer to his family, and the Cardinals brought in former Cincinnati Red and San Francisco Giant Jeff Brantley to be the closer. He is also coming off shoulder surgery, but pitched well in the early going this year.

"He's exactly in the mold of a St. Louis Cardinals-type pitcher," La Russa said. ***"He's very competitive, very team-oriented, very aggressive — like a Bob Gibson in relief."***

Joe Ostermeier covers the St. Louis Cardinals for the Belleville (IL) News-Democrat.


Indians



PITCHERS

Paul ASSENMACHER 45



Age: 37, born on December 10,1960 in Allen Park, MI

Position: Pitcher

Bats: L
Throws: L
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 210

Dave BURBA 34



Age: 31, born on July 7, 1966 in Dayton, OH

Position: Pitcher

Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 240

Bartolo COLON 40



Age: 22, born on May 24, 1975 in Altamira, DR

Position: Pitcher

Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 185

Dwight GOODEN 16



Age: 33, born on November 16, 1964 in Tampa, FL

Position: Pitcher

Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 210

Mike JACKSON 42



Age: 33, born on December 22, 1964 in Houston, TX

Position: Pitcher

Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 225

Rick KRIVDA 30



Age: 28, born on January 19, 1970 in McKeesport, PA

Position: Pitcher

Bats: R
Throws: L
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 185

Jose MESA 49



Age: 31, born on May 22, 1966 in Azua, DR

Position: Pitcher

Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 225

Alvin MORMAN 51



Age: 29, born on January 6, 1969 in Rockingham, NC

Position: Pitcher

Bats: R
Throws: L
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 210

Charles NAGY 41



Age: 30, born on May 5, 1967 in Fairfield, CT

Position: Pitcher

Bats: L
Throws: R
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 200

Eric PLUNK 38



Age: 34, born on September 3, 1963 in Wilmington, CA

Position: Pitcher

Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 6'6"
Weight: 220

Ron VILLONE 47



Age: 28, born on January 16, 1970 in Englewood, NJ

Position: Pitcher

Bats: L
Throws: L
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 237

Jaret WRIGHT 27



Age: 22, born on December 29, 1975 in Anaheim, CA

Position: Pitcher

Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 230

Indians

POSITION PLAYERS/DISABLED LIST

Sandy ALOMAR 15



Age: 31, born on June 18, 1966 in Salinas, PR
Position: Catcher
Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 6'5"
Weight: 220

David BELL 6



Age: 25, born on September 14, 1972 in Cincinnati, OH
Position: Infielder
Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 175

Pat BORDERS 10



Age: 34, born on May 14, 1963 in Columbus, OH
Position: Catcher
Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 200

Jeff BRANSON 11



Age: 31, born on January 26, 1967 in Waynesboro, MS
Position: Infielder
Bats: L
Throws: R
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 180

Shawon DUNSTON 9



Age: 35, born on March 21, 1963 in Brooklyn, NY
Position: Infielder
Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 180

Travis FRYMAN 17



Age: 29, born on March 25, 1969 in Lexington, KY
Position: Infielder
Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 195

Brian GILES 22



Age: 27, born on January 20, 1971 in El Cajon, CA
Position: Outfielder
Bats: L
Throws: L
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 200

David JUSTICE 23



Age: 31, born on April 14, 1966 in Cincinnati, OH
Position: Outfielder
Bats: L
Throws: L
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 200

Kenny LOFTON 7



Age: 30, born on May 31, 1967 in East Chicago, IN
Position: Outfielder
Bats: L
Throws: L
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 180

Manny RAMIREZ 24



Age: 25, born on May 30, 1972 in Santo Domingo, DR
Position: Outfielder
Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 205

Jim THOME 25



Age: 27, born on August 27, 1970 in Peoria, IL
Position: Infielder
Bats: L
Throws: R
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 225

Omar VIZQUEL 13



Age: 30, born on April 24, 1967 in Caracas, Venezuela
Position: Infielder
Bats: S
Throws: R
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 170

Mark WHITEN 12



Age: 31, born on November 25, 1966 in Pensacola, FL

Position: Outfielder

Bats: S
Throws: R
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 235

On the Shelf ...

Geronimo BERROA 29

Age: 33, born on March18, 1965 in Santo Domingo, DR



Position: Outfielder

Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 210

Chad OGEA 37

Age: 27, born November 9, 1970 in Lake Charles, LA



Position: Pitcher

Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 220

Paul SHUEY 53

Age: 27, born September 16, 1970 in Lima, OH



Position: Pitcher

Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 215

John SMILEY 57

Age: 33, born on March 17, 1965 in Phoenixville, PA



Position: Pitcher

Bats: L
Throws: L
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 210

Enrique WILSON 35

Age: 22, born on July 27, 1975 in Santo Domingo, DR



Position: Infielder

Bats: S
Throws: R
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 160

MANAGER/COACHES/TRAINERS

The Manager



Mike HARGROVE 21

Age: 48, born on October 26,1949 in Perryton, TX

Bats: L **Height:** 6'0"
Throws: L **Weight:** 215

Entering his seventh full season as Tribe skipper since becoming the Indians 36th manager on July 6,1991.

Al BUMBRY 1



Age: 50, born on April 21, 1947 in Fredericksburg, VA

1B/Base Running Coach

Bats: L
Throws: R
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 175

Johnny GORYL 54



Age: 64, born on October 21, 1933 in Cumberland, RI

Infield Coach

Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 190

Luis ISAAC 4



Age: 51, born on June 19, 1946 in Rio Piedras, PR

Bullpen Coach

Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 195

Charlie MANUEL 32



Age: 54, born on January 4, 1944 in Northfork, WV

Hitting Instructor

Bats: L
Throws: R
Height: 6'4"
Weight: 210

Jeff NEWMAN 55



Age: 49, born on September 11, 1948 in Ft. Worth, TX

3B Coach/ Catching Instructor

Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 220

Mark WILEY 28



Age: 50, born on February 28, 1948 in San Diego, CA

Pitching Coach

Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 210

Dan WILLIAMS 43



Age: 31, born on September 3, 1966 in San Gabrielle, CA

Working Coach/ Bullpen Catcher

Bats: R
Throws: R
Height: 6'3"
Weight: 245

Paul SPICUZZA



Head Trainer

Paul Spicuzza begins his **16th season** with the Tribe, his second as head trainer after being named to the position on October 31, 1996.

Jim WARFIELD



Assistant Trainer

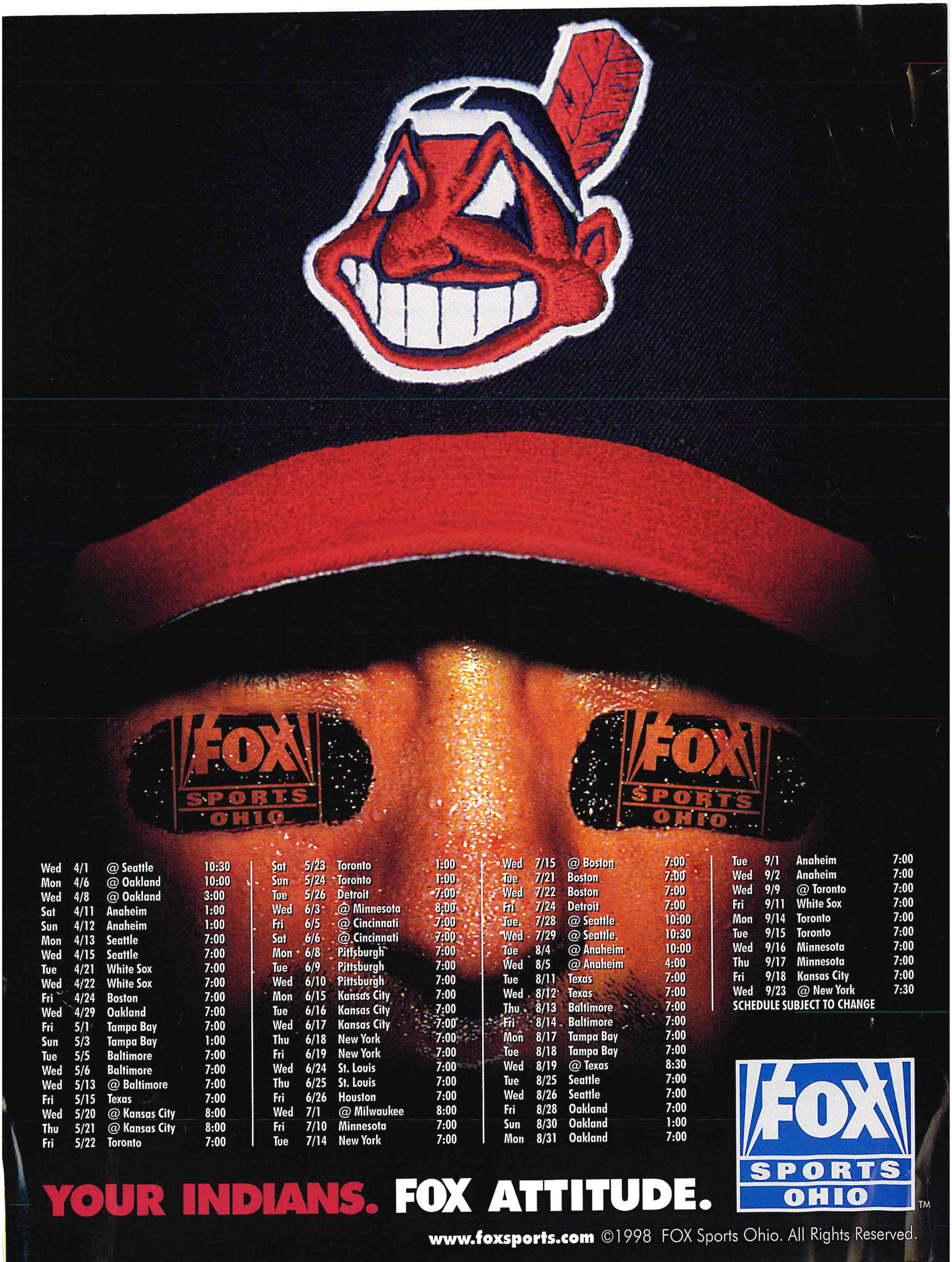
Jim Warfield, who along with Paul Spicuzza composes one of baseball's best training staff's, begins his **28th season** with the Indians this year.

Fernando MONTES



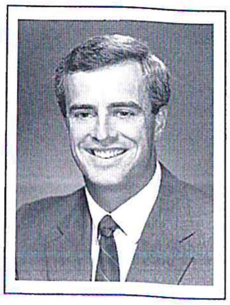
Strength and Conditioning Coach

Fernando Montes enters his **6th season** as the Indians Strength and Conditioning Coach.


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Wed 4/15 Seattle 7:00
Tue 4/21 White Sox 7:00
Wed 4/22 White Sox 7:00
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Wed 4/29 Oakland 7:00
Fri 5/1 Tampa Bay 7:00
Sun 5/3 Tampa Bay 1:00
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Indians

TRIBE BROADCASTERS



WUAB Channel 43, the television home of the Cleveland Indians, will telecast 75 regular season games and three Spring Training games in 1998.

JACK CORRIGAN will return for his 14th season in the Indians television broadcast booth for the 1998 campaign.

A native Clevelander, Corrigan has been involved with play-by-play and color commentary for the Cleveland Cavalier telecasts and the MISL Cleveland Force, in addition to his work with the Tribe. Since 1989, he has also been the "television voice" of the Atlantic Coast Conference Football Game of the Week for Jefferson Pilot Sports. He also does basketball play-by-play for the ACC.

Jack is a graduate of St. Ignatius High School and Cornell University, and he has a Master's degree in Speech from Kent State University. During the off-season, Jack also coaches football at St. Ignatius, the Ohio Division I state champions seven times in the last 10 years. Recently, he was selected to the Board of Trustees for the Great Lakes Theater Festival, and he continues his involvement with Our Lady of the Wayside.

Jack and his wife, Lisa, have two children, Megan and Michael, and reside in Westlake, OH.



Former Tribe centerfielder **RICK MANNING** returns for his ninth full season as color commentator for **FOX Sports Ohio** and will team up with John Sanders to broadcast 70 regular season and two Spring Training games in 1998.

Manning began his professional baseball career with the Cleveland Indians as the #1 selection in the 1972 June draft. The first 8 1/2 years of his 13-year Major League career were spent in Cleveland (1975-1983) where he won a Gold Glove in 1976 for his fielding prowess. Manning was also selected as the BBWAA "Good Guy" award winner for the 1980 season. His numbers as a Cleveland Indians player included a .263 average (1053-3997), 36 HRs and 336 RBI. Rick concluded his career with the Milwaukee Brewers (1983-1987) and posted a .257 career average, hitting 56 home runs and driving in 458 runs.

Rick and his wife, Sue, reside in Chesterland, OH.



JOHN SANDERS, a 30-year broadcast veteran, is in his eighth season as the play-by-play voice of the Indians on the Tribe's cable home, **FOX Sports Ohio.**

Sanders joins RICK MANNING in the booth to broadcast 70 Indians games in 1998 on FOX Sports Ohio. John came to Cleveland in 1991 after spending nine seasons as the play-by-play announcer for the Pirates.

Sanders, a Kansas native, started his career in 1965 at WIBW-TV and radio in Topeka, upon graduation from Kansas State University. In 1966 he took a job at KMBC-TV in Kansas City, MO as the sports and news anchor. He remained at KMBC for 12 years and was the play-by-play announcer for the Kansas City Chiefs of the NFL, NCAA college baseball and Kansas City Blues hockey.

In 1978, John made the jump to KDKA-TV and radio in Pittsburgh and in 1981 he began announcing Pirates games. In 1990, Sanders served as play-by-play announcer for ESPN's regional Major League Baseball telecasts.

Sanders resides in Pittsburgh, PA with his wife Cherie and two daughters, Gabrielle and Hilary.

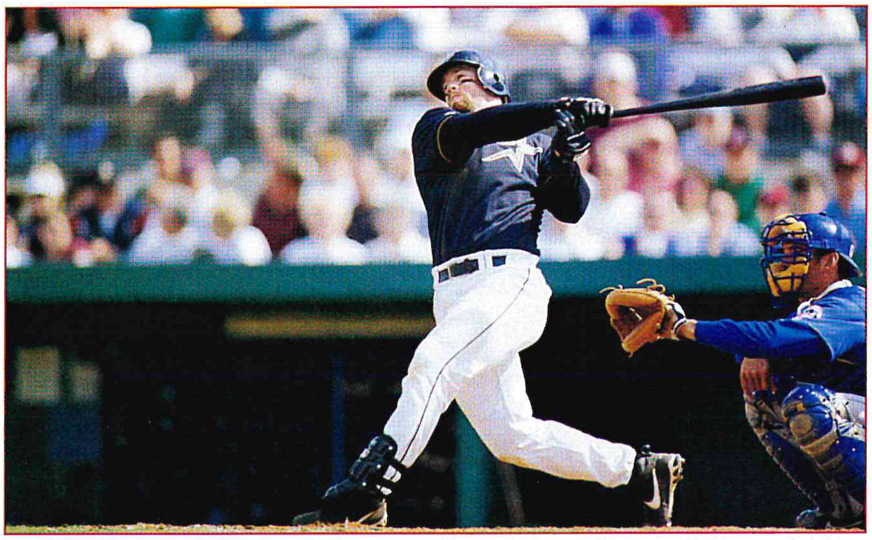
FOX SPORTS OHIO
HOME TEAMS. FOX ATTITUDE.

Rookie Richard Hidalgo, who shares time with Everett in center field, is the lone unproven commodity in the lineup. Hidalgo, the top prospect in the organization, hit .306 in 19 games last year after a September call-up from AAA New Orleans. He started slowly but raised his average to the mid .200s by early May.

"With our lineup he won't have as much pressure on him to produce as he would have last year," Dierker said. "Even so, we feel he's going to be an outstanding player. The guy's a future All-Star from everything we've seen."

The Astros averaged 4.7 runs per game last year despite an outfield that ranked last in the Majors in home runs. Alou takes Luis Gonzalez's place in left and Hidalgo and Everett will split time in center which was last occupied by Chuck Carr.

"We should get a lot more power and certainly more offense with this outfield than the one we had for most of last year," Dierker said. "We have the potential to average five-plus (runs per game)."



Infielder Jeff Bagwell

If Dierker is right the Astros might find themselves rewriting the club record book again in 1998.

"That would be nice, but only if it means we win the division again," he said. "Last year we didn't stick around very long. This year we hope to make up for that."

Bagwell agreed.

"I think we were kind of embarrassed to get swept," he said. "That left a bad taste in our mouths. Not that the Braves weren't the better team, they were, but we just felt like we didn't play as well as we should have."

The quick exit has given the Astros something to shoot for in 1998.

"We want to win the division again, of course, but we also want to do something in the Post Season," he said. "We lost a great pitcher in Darryl Kile (who signed a free-agent contract with Colorado) but we picked up some good players in Moises and Everett and we have a lot of talent back, so hopefully we'll be good enough to repeat."

"We want to win the division again, of course, but we also want to do something in the Post Season."

— Infielder Jeff Bagwell

Another division title would of course please McLane, while giving the franchise needed momentum heading into the final year of the Astrodome as home for the club.

"I've often said we're going to be champions here, and we were that last year," McLane said. "We're champions of the (NL) Central Division. That was an exciting time for this team and this city. We want to continue that excitement and give the fans here more memories from the Astrodome and help us open up the new stadium as champions."

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Championship Math

9-(8/4)x1	= 7	Lofton
9-1+(8/4)	= 10	Borders
(9+8-4)x1	= 13	Vizquel
1+9+4+8	= 22	Giles
(4x8)-9+1	= 24	Ramirez
(8/4+1)x9	= 27	Wright
(9-1)+(4x8)	= 40	Colon
(1x9)+(4x8)	= 41	Nagy
(4x8)+1+9	= 42	Jackson
(9-4)x(1+8)	= 45	Assenmacher

Who 'Pitches A Gale'?

SATCHEL PAIGE

1948 Trivia

Clockwise from upper left:
- 'Hamlet', with Olivier
- 68 to 69 years of age
- Berlin, East Germany
- Harry S. Truman
- 'A Streetcar Named Desire' by Tennessee Williams
- 48 states
- Hillary Rodham Clinton
- China, North Korea
- The founding of Israel
- Mahatma Gandhi
- A six-pack cost 25 cents

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Full Count

7,570 games, '49-'97 (including 41 in playoffs); about 70,000 innings and 2 million at-bats.

Countin' Them Down

1994 is missing; due to the Players' Strike, there was no World Series, and thus no Championship.

What was the Best Motion Picture of 1948?

What was average U.S.

What Indian pacifist was assassinated in 1948?

WELCOME to SLIDERVILLE

Championship Math

The last Indians' World Championship was 50 years ago in 1948. Can you substitute only the four digits of 1, 9, 4 or 8 for the letters d, a, c or b in the proper positions in the equations below to yield the numbers of some of our current Tribe heroes?



a-(b/c)xd = 7 ________

a-b+(c/d) = 10 ________

(a+b-c)xd = 13 ________

a+b+c+d = 22 ________

(axb)-c+d = 24 ________

(a/b+c)xd = 27 ________

(a-b)+(cxd) = 40 ________

(axb)+(cxd) = 41 ________

(axb)+c+d = 42 ________

(a-b)x(c+d) = 45 ________

Then can you fill in the Tribe hero's name by his number?

P I T C H E S A G A L E

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Who 'Pitches A Gale'?

Can you unscramble these letter squares to name the 20-year star of the Negro Leagues who joined the Indians as a slow-walking airplane-piloting fortyish rookie in the summer of 1948?

ANSWERS ON PAGE 99

What major Middle Eastern event occurred in 1948?

What 2 Asian Communist countries were established in 1948?

What First Lady

...ctancy in 1948?

What European city received a blockade and airlif...

What did a six-pack of soda pop cost in 1948?

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Full Coun...

Okay, so you know it's been 50 years, or 600 months, or 18,262.5 days since the Tribe's last World Title. But, how many games, how many innings and how many at-bats? (Wild guesses and use of calculators are permitted.)

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Countin' Them Down

Listed *in the* background are all of baseball's Championship Years between 1948 and 1998 — except for one year. Which year is missing? and why is it missing?

...as born in 1948?

How many States comprised the U...



OKAY FUNNY GUY, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR IMPERSONATING A PITCHER!

Comedian and former Clevelander Drew Carey tosses the Ceremonial First Pitch
Opening Day at Jacobs Field — Friday, April 10, 1998

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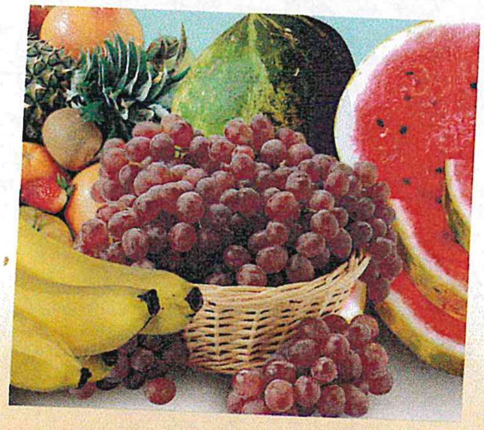




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